REPORT TO COUNCIL
City of Sacramento

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CONSENT
September 27, 2005

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Subject: Grant/Agreement: Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant for McKinley Park Picnic Area Rehabilitation (PN: LT87)

Location/Council District: McKinley Park, Council District 3

Recommendation:

Adopt a Resolution: 1) Accepting a Land and Water Conservation Program Grant in the amount of $128,415 into Fund 248 and 2) Appropriate these Grant Funds into the McKinley Park Phase II project (PN: LT87).

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Presenters: N/A

Department: Parks and Recreation

Division: Administration

Organization No: 4511

Summary:

Staff was successful in obtaining a Land and Water Conservation Program competitive grant. Staff recommends that the City Council approve the actions necessary to accept this grant and properly account for the grant funds. The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Program funds projects related to outdoor recreational activities and indoor facilities that support outdoor recreational activities. The types of projects that are most often funded are those related to development and rehabilitation of trails, picnic areas and open field areas that include top priority recreation projects. In May 2004, with City Council support the Department of Parks and Recreation requested a grant in the amount of $128,415 for the rehabilitation of the group picnic area at McKinley Park.

Committee/Commission Action:

The Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) supported staff's recommendation to prepare the LWCF grant proposal for the rehabilitation of the group picnic area at McKinley Park at its March 4, 2004 meeting.

Background Information:

The LWCF Program provides funds to federal agencies, and to the 50 states and 6 territories. Funds for the program are derived from federal recreation fees, sales of federal surplus real property, the federal motorboat fuels tax and the Outer Continental Shelf mineral receipts. The money allocated to the states may be used for statewide planning, and for acquiring and developing outdoor recreation areas and facilities. The 2004 allocation of funds was approximately $8 million.

With City Council support, the Department of Parks and Recreation prepared a LWCF Grant proposal in May 2004. The grant funds would be used to rehabilitate the existing group picnic area at the park, make the picnic areas at the park accessible under the Americans with Disabilities Act and if possible add additional concrete walkways to further increase access.

Staff was notified in the Fall of 2004, that the project would be fully funded. State guidelines and changes in staffing at the State Department of Parks and Recreation delayed the receipt of the contract for this grant, however costs were eligible as of September 9, 2004, the date of federal approval of the project. To avoid delays and cost increases in the overall rehabilitation of McKinley Park, the project began after the date of federal approval, before grant funds were appropriated to the McKinley Park Phase II project (PN: LT87). Staff recommends that the City Council accept this grant, at this time, to properly account for the grant funds and cover the costs of the completed project.

Financial Considerations:

Staff recommends that the City Council accept a Land and Water Conservation Grant in the amount of $128,415 into Fund 248, and appropriate these funds to the McKinley Park Phase II capital improvement project (PN: LT87).

The LWCF program will fund at most 50% of the total project budget as proposed in the grant application. A $128,415 request will require a $128,415 match, making the total project budget for the grant proposal $256,830. The match will come from the existing Capital Improvement Project (CIP) for McKinley Park CIP (PN: LT87) which has sufficient funds to provide a 50% match.

Environmental Considerations:

The Environmental Services Manager has determined that the proposed project is exempt from CEQA under Section Numbers: 15301(c) Existing park site and facilities; 15301 (l) Removal of small structures; 15302 (c) Replacement or reconstruction of an existing structure involving no expansion of capacity; 15303 (e) Installation of accessory structures; 15304(b) Planting of drought tolerant vegetation.

Policy Considerations:

Providing Parks and Recreation facilities is consistent with the City's strategic plan to achieve sustainability and livability and to expand economic development throughout the City.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):

The selection of consultants and contractors for this project will follow City established guidelines for inclusion of ESBD firms.

Respectfully Submitted by: Janet R. Bailey for
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Director of Parks and Recreation

Recommendation Approved:

ROBERT P. THOMAS
City Manager

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RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

ACCEPTING A LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRANT FOR REHABILITATION OF THE PICNIC AREA AT MCKINLEY PARK (PN: LT87)

BACKGROUND

A. The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Program funds projects related to outdoor recreational activities and indoor facilities that support outdoor recreational activities.

B. With City Council support, the Department of Parks and Recreation prepared a LWCF Grant proposal in May 2004. The grant funds would be used to rehabilitate the existing group picnic area at the park, make the picnic areas at the park accessible under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and if possible add additional concrete walkways to further increase access.

C. The City of Sacramento was notified in the Fall of 2004 that the proposed grant project would be fully funded.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Land and Water Conservation Fund Program grant in the amount of $128,415 is accepted into Fund 248.

Section 2. The Land and Water Conservation Fund grant in the amount of $128,415 (Fund 248) is appropriated to the McKinley Park Phase II capital improvement project (PN: LT87).