

Heber Public Utility District & Heber Soccer League

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Imperial Irrigation District Board, Local Entity
c/o Water Manager's Office
333 East Barioni Blvd.
Imperial, CA 92251

***Re: \$75,000- Local Entity Funds Grant Award - Community Based Organization Category
Request for Project Modification Consistent with Reduced Funding***

The Heber Public Utility District (HPUD) and Heber Community Foundation thank the Imperial Irrigation District for the \$75,000 Local Entity Grant Award. The project submitted by the HPUD in partnership with the Heber Community Foundation consists of a \$283,700 request for the purpose of installing a prefabricated community recreation building on a lot owned by the HPUD in the Heber Meadows subdivision, and hiring a part-time recreation coordinator for two years. The HPUD and the Foundation would like to respectfully request reconsideration of the additional \$208,700 needed to deliver the project or consideration of project modification consistent with the reduced funding available and the overall reaching goal.

As previously noted, the HPUD in-kind contribution is the subject site which continues to be committed towards the project. The total project construction and service cost is \$318,200, which included \$34,500 in additional contribution from the HPUD for upfront engineering costs. The IID Local Entity awarded \$75,000, which is about 26% of the total amount requested. The \$208,700 gap in funding has severely impacted an effective delivery of the original proposal. The additional funds would allow the HPUD to install a 2160 sq. ft. community building including furnishing and recreation supplies and materials. The funding would also allow the HPUD to hire a part-time employee to coordinate recreation programs in coordination with the Foundation and to serve the needs of our low-income community.

Absent a successful appeal of these additional funds, modifications are hereby proposed. Unfortunately, without modifications to this project proposal, the project would be postponed for at least two years until enough money can be saved to fund the \$208,700 gap amount. The HPUD's enterprise funds are restricted from use for parks and recreation services and must rely on grant resources for provision of these services. The alternative proposal is for the HPUD and the Heber Community Foundation to use \$75,000 awarded to hire the part-time recreation coordinator and purchase limited recreation equipment and supplies and to apply \$31,500 for design plans. This alternative will meet the original service objective and further our goal towards construction of the Recreation Center. Having a fully designed and shovel ready project will strengthen the HPUD's and Foundation's ability to secure grant funds for the construction of the Recreation Center.

We will wholeheartedly accept the Imperial Irrigation's determination of funding for this project. Thank you for your consideration and continued support of our communities. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the HPUD General Manager, Laura Fischer at (760) 482-2440 or lfischer@heber.ca.gov.

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Sincerely,

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