

Heber Public Utility District Board of Directors

MEETING DATE: May 19, 2016

FROM: Laura Fischer, General Manager

SUBJECT: Authorize the Development of a Grant Application to the California Youth Soccer and Recreation Development Program.

ISSUE:

Shall the Heber Public Utility Board of Directors authorize the development of a grant application to the California Youth Soccer and Recreation Development Program?

GENERAL MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the development of a Grant Application to the California Youth Soccer and Recreation Development Program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost to submit the application is estimated to be \$4,000 and will be prepared by the District Engineering firm, The Holt Group. The funds would be included in the FY 2016-17 budget in the Parks and Recreation funds.

DISCUSSION

The application isn't due until November 1, 2016, but it is important to get a start on the development of the project and to gather community support. The Grant application is attached for your consideration. Some of the important aspects of the application are:

- The application is very competitive.
- There is no matching requirement, but you receive more points if you have a match or a partnership that will match with in-kind services or if you own the property to be developed.
- You can submit multiple applications.
- There is no minimum grant amount.
- The maximum grant request is \$1,000,000.
- The project must have a water conservation measure component.
- The primary consideration is to create NEW opportunities.

The intent of the program is to award grants on a competitive basis for “fostering the development of new youth soccer, baseball, softball and basketball recreation opportunities...(in) heavily populated, low-income urban areas with a high youth crime and unemployment rate”.

CONCLUSION

As the HPUD owns several acres of property that could be developed into new parks, we are presented with a good opportunity to leverage a small investment to write the grant and if successful we could receive up to \$1M in grant funds for park development.

ALTERNATIVES

- 1) Do not authorize the development of a grant application to the Youth Soccer Grant.
- 2) Do not authorize the District Engineer to prepare the grant application.
- 3) Provide alternate direction to staff.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Fischer, General Manager

Attachment: Youth Soccer Grant Application