

HEBER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

REPORT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING DATE: July 18, 2019

FROM: Laura Fischer, General Manager

SUBJECT: Adopt Resolution 2019-05 Approving the Application for Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program Grant Funds for the Park Project at APN# 054-540-057 on the Corner of Rockwood Avenue and Correll Road.

ISSUE: Shall the Board Adopt Resolution 2019-05 to approve the application for Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program Grant Funds for the Park Project APN# 054-540-057 on the corner of Rockwood Avenue and Correll Road?

General Manager's Recommendation:

Adopt Resolution 2019-05 to approve the application for State Park Grant for new park at Rockwood Avenue and Correll Road.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The grant writing consultant has been approved in FY 18-19. Should this grant be awarded, the HPUD Board must get voter approval for ongoing operations and maintenance.

Grant Application \$8,500,000.

BACKGROUND:

Heber Public Utility District Board of Directors voted in favor of submitting a grant application for three park improvement projects. The Statewide Park Development and community Revitalization Program (SPP) requires a separate application for each park request. The minimum grant request is \$200,000 and the maximum is \$8,500,000. Grant funds can be used to create new parks, expand existing parks or renovate existing parks. There are no matching requirements.

Funding is limited and it is anticipated that the ranking process will be highly competitive. One the major requirements of the grant is that the project must address the critical lack of park space ratio within a half-mile radius. The median income within that half-mile radius must also be less than \$51,026. Higher poverty level is also a major consideration.

After a series of community workshops held over the past two months, the Heber PUD Board of Directors approved the following park project for submission:

DISCUSSION:

Large Park APN# 054-540-057

19 Acres located on the southwest corner of Rockwood Avenue and Correll Road.

HPUD owns a vacant 19-acre parcel at the southwest corner of Correll and Rockwood Road. This application request is for the maximum grant amount of \$8,500,000 to create a new park consisting of an 8-lane competition swimming pool, splash pad, restrooms, picnic areas, playground equipment, sports fields, snack bar, and related amenities.

This site could score most of the points available under the park ratio category (0.13 acre of parks per 1,000 people) and poverty level (432 person) but would score the least in the income category (\$51,160). We are reviewing the income study done by the County of Imperial to see if that will provide us with more points.

This park needs to have a name associated with it for the application and for thematic purposes. The HPUD Board could consider naming the park for its water features, street location, the HPUD, or other reference. One example could be, the Heber PUD Aquatic Park with water and waves as the theme. Another example, the Heber Water Works...Heber Splash...or Miracle Water Park. We can come up with a theme for the application and during the development of the park the Board can approve the theme and design.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends adopting Resolution 2019-05 approving the approve the application for Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program Grant Funds for the Park Project APN# 054-540-057 on the corner of Rockwood Avenue and Correll Road.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Do not adopt Resolution 2019-05, which will cause this application to not be submitted by the deadline of August 5, 2019.
2. Adopt Resolution 2019-05 with changes and edits.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Fischer, General Manager

Attachments: Resolution 2019-05

RESOLUTION 2019-05

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
HEBER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR STATEWIDE
PARK DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility by the Legislature of the State of California for the administration of the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Grant Program, setting up necessary procedures governing the application; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the Applicant to certify by resolution the approval of the application before submission of said application to the State; and

WHEREAS, successful Applicants will enter into a contract with the State of California to complete the Grant Scope project; and

WHEREAS, the grant proposal is for improvement to APN# 054-540-057 located on the southwest corner of Rockwood Avenue and Correll Road in Heber, CA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Heber Public Utility District hereby:

**APPROVES THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE STATEWIDE PARK
DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS; AND**

1. Certifies that said Applicant has or will have available, prior to commencement of any work on the project included in this application, the sufficient funds to complete the project; and
2. Certifies that if the project is awarded, the Applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project; and
3. Certifies that the Application has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the contract shown in the Grant Administration Guide; and
4. Delegates the authority to the General Manager to conduct all negotiations, sign and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the Grant Scope; and
5. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and guidelines.
6. Will consider promoting inclusion per Public Resources Code §80001 (b)(8 A-G).

APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Heber Public Utility District held on the 18th day of July 2019.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Pompeyo Tabarez, Jr, President

ATTEST:

I, Laura Fischer, Acting on Behalf of RAQUEL R. CARRILLO, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board of the Heber Public Utility District, County of Imperial, State of California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution 2019 - 05 was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Heber Public Utility District at its regularly scheduled meeting held on the 18th day of July 2019.

Laura Fischer, Acting on Behalf of:
Raquel R. Carrillo, Secretary to Clerk of the Board