

HEBER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT REPORT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING DATE: June 20, 2019

FROM: Laura Fischer, General Manager

SUBJECT: Approve the Submittal of Grant Application(s) to the Statewide Park Program Round 3 Funding.

ISSUE:

Shall the Board of Directors approve the submittal of a grant application(s) to the Statewide Park Program Round 3 Funding?

GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the submittal of grant applications to the Statewide Park Program Round 3 Funding.

FISCAL IMPACT: The HPUD Board of Directors hired The Holt Group as consultants to develop and submit the grant application. The funding for the remaining consultant contract was included in the FY 19-20 budget. Should the HPUD Board decide to submit more than one grant application there may be a slight increase in the consultant fees.

DISCUSSION:

In February the HPUD Board authorized the submittal of a RFP to select a consultant to develop the grant application(s). The HPUD also selected a subcommittee to work with staff and the consultant to review the projects and data. HPUD needs to have a completed and competitive application ready to submit for this round of funding by the deadline of August 5, 2019.

- Select Consultant to work with staff to develop grant application - ***DONE***
- Begin community engagement to establish a plan for parks development and community revitalization. – ***DONE***
- Establish a committee to work on project development and application submittal. The Committee should include two HPUD Board Members, staff, public safety representatives, school representatives, public health representatives, CORPS, community members and consultant. – ***DONE***. Committee has been established and will meet on June 18th at 6pm to review the data results. They will make a recommendation through the HPUD Sub-Committee members at the June 20th meeting.

Grant Summary

- Funding can be used to create a new park, expand and existing park or renovate an existing park.
- Recreation features are allowed, property acquisition is also allowed use.
- Applying for multiple parks requires separate grant applications.

- There is \$264,842,000 available in this round and the maximum amount per grant application is \$8.5M.
- This project must comply with CEQA.
- This project must have an engineers' cost estimate, which means it must be developed ASAP.
- The application must include a conceptual design and HPUD Board approval via Resolution. The Resolution must be approved at your July 18, 2019 meeting.
- The application does provide additional points for critically underserved communities.
- Number of People living in poverty with proximity of the project site adds additional points.
- Holding community meetings to gather input is critical to the application success.
- The community outreach must also include reaching out to and involving the California Conservation Corps and Certified Community Conservation Corps. This process is outlined and attached.
- Partnerships with other agencies or non-profits are encouraged and receive extra points.
- The project should have an efficient use of water and or other natural resources component.
- The project should be sustainable and should include SITES certified landscaping or LEED certified building construction.
- Public use and hours of operation are also a criteria to earn points.
- The project should assist HPUD in overcoming community challenges like the lack of recreational facilities, social, cultural, environmental, educational, and economic.
- Should HPUD receive the grant, the project must be completed within the timeline and with the budget.

CONCLUSION:

We need to select the application(s) and project(s) to be submitted in order to meet the timeline and submittal deadline. This is a great opportunity for the community of Heber and our neighbors to develop parks in Heber.

Staff recommends approving the submittal of grant application(s) to the Statewide Park Program Grant Round 3 Funding.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1) Do not approve the submittal of grant application(s) to the Statewide Park Program Grant. This will result in the HPUD not submitting a grant application for this round of funding.
- 2) Provide alternative direction to staff.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Laura Fischer, General Manager

Attachments: