

HEBER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

REPORT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING DATE: July 18, 2019

FROM: Laura Fischer, General Manager

SUBJECT: Adopt Resolution 2019-07 Approving the Application for Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program Grant Funds for the Park Project at APN# 054-605-010 at Jiggs Johnson Park and at APN# 054-601-001 at 156 Littlefield Way.

ISSUE: Shall the Board Adopt Resolution 2019-07 to approve the application for Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program Grant Funds for the Park Project APN# 054-605-010 at Jiggs Johnson Park and at APN# 054-601-001 at 156 Littlefield Way?

General Manager's Recommendation:

Adopt Resolution 2019-07 to approve the application for State Park Grant for improvements to Jiggs Johnson Park and Proposed Recreation Center at 156 Littlefield Way.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The grant writing consultant has been approved in FY 18-19. Should this grant be awarded, the HPUD can support the ongoing operations and maintenance.

Grant Application \$912,000.

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:

Edward “Jiggs” Johnson Park and Proposed Recreation Room

Application total: \$912,000.

This application is to renovate the existing Jiggs Johnson Park. The improvements include paving the existing walking trail, construct new restroom facility, and install exercise equipment.

This application also includes the construction of the proposed recreation room at 156 Littlefield Way. The recreation room has received partial funding from the IID Local Entity Fund. Including this facilities in the Statewide Park Grant application would allow HPUD to use our limited park capital improvement funds on another project.

This project could receive the maximum amount of 15 points under the park ratio category (0 acres per 1,00 residents), but it is important to note the State’s system does not currently recognize Jiggs Johnson Park as an existing park and may re-evaluate the park ratio figure as a result of this application. HPUD’s application states that this is indeed an existing park. The median income (\$53,273) is above the minimum threshold and there are a number of people in poverty (278 persons).

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends adopting Resolution 2019-07 approving the application for Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program Grant Funds for the Park Project APN# 054-605-010 at Jiggs Johnson Park and at APN# 054-601-001 at 156 Littlefield Way.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Do not adopt Resolution 2019-07, which will cause this application to not be submitted by the deadline of August 5, 2019.
2. Adopt Resolution 2019-07 with changes and edits.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Fischer, General Manager

Attachments: Resolution 2019-07

RESOLUTION 2019-07

**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# 054-605-010 located at 1171 North Bloomfield Avenue and APN# 054-601-001 located at 156 Littlefield Way 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