

**CITY OF OAKLAND
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

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TO: Office of the City Manager
ATTN: Deborah Edgerly
FROM: Public Works Agency
DATE: September 23, 2003

RE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION, ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION "RECREATIONAL TRAILS" COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS: THE CRYER SITE, IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$132,000); AND, DERBY STREET PARK, IN THE AMOUNT OF FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$400,000)

SUMMARY

This report requests Council authorization to apply for, accept and appropriate Recreational Trail competitive grant funds, administered through the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR). If the grant applications are successful, these funds will be used for two Measure DD General Obligation Bond-funded projects: \$132,000 for the Cryer Site trail, and \$400,000 for Derby Street Park trail.

Staff requests that Council accept this report and approve the resolution to apply for grant funds from the Recreational Trails competitive grant program.

FISCAL IMPACTS

The Cryer Site trail will be receiving \$1,450,000 in funding from the Measure DD General Obligation Bond (fund 5320), which is sufficient to meet the Recreational Trail Grant 20% matching funds requirement. The \$132,000 requested through the Recreational Trails grant will allow the project to be completed as originally designed. The total project cost is \$1,582,000.

The Derby Street Park trail project will receive \$268,000 from Measure DD, which is sufficient to meet the grant's 20% matching funds requirement. The requested \$400,000 grant will enhance construction of the Derby Street Park project, leaving a remaining funding gap of \$140,141. The total project cost is \$808,141.

Recreational Trail grant funds must be spent within four years from the appropriation date.

Annual operations and maintenance including staffing levels have not been determined for Measure DD projects, and will be provided in a follow-up report to Council on Measure DD. Staff from the Community and Economic Development Agency, the Public Works Agency and the Office of Parks and Recreation are working together to ensure that any additional operations and maintenance costs associated with these projects are incorporated in baseline budgets for the FY 2004-2005 budget cycle.

Project budgets will include charges for public art (1½%), and contract compliance (3%).

BACKGROUND

The Recreational Trails program is funded through the Federal "Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century," but is administered at the State level by DPR. California is anticipated to receive \$3.5 million in funding for the grant program, which is divided between "motorized" and "non-motorized" projects. The majority of funds are available for non-motorized projects.

DPR strives to spread funds equitably across the State, and evaluates grant applications based on the following criteria:

- 1) deficiency of similar projects or opportunities in the area;
- 2) trail usage by diverse populations, including economically disadvantaged populations;
- 3) project support from non-profit groups, other public agencies, or citizen groups;
- 4) consistency with the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) or the applicant's general plan.
- 5) development of urban trail linkages near homes and workplaces;
- 6) enhancement of recreational opportunities;
- 7) historic, geographic, cultural or scenic points of interest;
- 8) multiple recreational uses for the trail corridor;
- 9) opportunities for commuting;
- 10) access to public transit;
- 11) organizational capability; and
- 12) project readiness

The Cryer Site trail and Derby Street park trail projects are both compatible with these grant criteria.

KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

Staff has analyzed the eligibility of current City capital projects relative to the Recreational Trails funding criteria, eligibility and match requirements. Staff further assessed each project's readiness, community benefit and support, availability of a Council approved Master Plan, existence of collaborative partners, and existence of funding to be leveraged. The recommendations seek to maximize the funding potential of the projects.

The local match requirement is 20% of the requested grant amount. The match must come from a non-State source. The grant application deadline is October 1, 2003.

Cryer Site (\$132,000) – The Cryer Site project is proposed as Phase II of Union Point Park, and is primarily funded through Measure DD. The trail will run along the waterfront, and will include lighting fixtures and signage that will be consistent with the waterfront trail. Additional funds for the Cryer Site are also being sought through the Proposition 40 Frommer Urban Park Act grant program, because the funds available through the Recreational Trails grant program are very limited and competition will be high. If any excess Measure DD funding is available as a result of receiving sufficient funds from one of the grant programs, the excess can be reallocated to other Measure DD projects with funding shortfalls.

Derby Street Park (\$400,000) – Derby Street Park is partially funded through Measure DD. The Derby Street section of the trail is between the Park Street and Fruitvale Bridges. This section of the trail provides a scenic observation area along the waterfront.

SUSTANABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic

The two proposed projects will improve Oakland's infrastructure, and beautify the waterfront area, which will have a positive effect on the economy.

Environment

The Recreational Trails competitive grant program would afford Oakland opportunities for conservation, education and enhancement, affecting parks, open space, and trails

Equity

The two projects proposed for funding are both located in an economically disadvantaged and diverse community.

DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS

All projects will be designed and constructed to be ADA and senior citizen accessible. The City's accessibility program coordinator will be requested to participate in project review at various stages of each design process initiated.

RECOMMENDATION(S) AND RATIONALE

Staff recommends that Council accept the proposed projects for Recreational Trails competitive grant program funds based on descriptions of the State funding program priorities, focus and eligibility requirements, and adopt the authorizing resolution.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Staff requests that Council adopt the resolution to apply for Recreational Trails program funds.


Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE
LIFE ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE



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RESOLUTION NO. _____ C. M. S.

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WHEREAS, the Transportational Equity Act For The 21st Century provides funds to the State of California for grants to state, local and non-profit organizations to acquire, develop and/or maintain motorized and non-motorized trail purposes; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the program within the State, setting up necessary procedures governing project application under the program; and

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

WHEREAS, the applicant will enter into an agreement with the State of California to complete the projects; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: that the Oakland City Council approves the filing of two applications for the Recreational Trails Program: \$132,000 for the Cryer Site project; and, \$400,000 for the Derby Street project; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the City has or will have available prior to commencement of any work on the projects included in this application, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the projects; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that if the applications are approved, the City Manager is authorized to accept and appropriate funds consistent with the approved funding levels; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Manager, or her appointee, as agent of the City, will conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project(s); and be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Office of the City Attorney shall approve all related contracts for to form and legality; and a copies will be placed on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BRUNNER, CHANG, BROOKS, NADEL, REID, WAN, QUAN AND
PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST _____

CEDA FLOYD
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California

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