



**Council Meeting: January 26, 2010**

**SUBJECT: Approval of Resolution to Submit Applications for Funding under the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Act of 2008 (Proposition 84)**

**BACKGROUND**

The Sunnyvale Department of Community Services is planning to submit a project application to the State Department of Parks and Recreation for grant funding from the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Act of 2008. All grants provided under this act will be awarded on a state-wide competitive basis. As a first step, the State of California requires the City to submit a Council approved resolution authorizing staff to apply for the grant funds on behalf of the City.

**EXISTING POLICY**

Fiscal — Long Range Goals and Financial Policies (Council Policy 7.1.1)

B.4: Grants and Intergovernmental Assistance

B.4.1 Intergovernmental grants may be used for special projects which strengthen a program, have a definable starting and ending date, and do not expand a service in such a way as to require the substitution of local funds to continue part or all of the service once intergovernmental assistance ends.

B.4.3 A uniform grants application process must be utilized to assure that the City Council has the information necessary to make a decision regarding a potential intergovernmental grant.

**DISCUSSION**

The Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program of 2008 is a new competitive grant program created by Assembly Bill 31 (De Leon) Chapter 623, Statutes of 2008. There are to be two rounds of funds awarding a total of \$368,000,000 to critically underserved communities throughout California. As of July 1, 2009, the 2009/10 Budget Act appropriated \$184,000,000 for the first competitive round.

The focus of this grant program is to provide new parks and new recreation opportunities in proximity to the most critically underserved communities across California and the award of the grant monies is competitive, statewide. Of all the City's planned capital projects, the development of the Morse Avenue Industrial Center into a new neighborhood park appears to be the project that will best meet the intent of the grant program. Grant applications are due by March 1, 2010, and the award of grants will be announced approximately six months after the grant deadline. In the meanwhile, any eligible projects costs incurred between July 1, 2009, and the time the grants are awarded could be reimbursed provided that the City is among the recipients of the grant.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The total budgeted cost for design and construction of the Morse Avenue Neighborhood Park Development (Project 808350) is approximately \$4.1M and is funded by the Park Dedication Fund. The project is currently in the planning and design phase, with construction expected to begin in FY 2010/11 and be completed by FY 2011/12. Should staff be successful in securing grant funds to cover all or a portion of the cost of the Morse Avenue Park Development project, the funds currently appropriated for the Morse Avenue Park project would be redirected to cover the cost of other eligible park projects that are currently not funded. If this grant is awarded, staff will return to Council with a budget modification for appropriation of the funding.

### **PUBLIC CONTACT**

Public contact was made by posting the Council agenda on the City's official-notice bulletin board outside City Hall, at the Sunnyvale Senior Center, Community Center and Department of Public Safety; and by making the agenda and report available at the Sunnyvale Public Library, the Office of the City Clerk, Senior Center, Community Center, and on the City's Web site.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

1. City Council approves the attached resolution authorizing staff to apply for funds from the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Act of 2008.
2. City Council does not approve the attached resolution authorizing staff to apply for funds from the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Act of 2008.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends Alternative No. 1, approve the attached resolution authorizing staff to apply for funds from the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalizations Act of 2008.

Reviewed by:

David A. Lewis, Director, Community Services Department  
Prepared by: Cathy E. Merrill, Assistant to the Director

Approved by:

Mary J. Bradley  
Director of Finance

Gary M. Luebbers  
City Manager

**Attachments**

- A. Resolution of the City of Sunnyvale Approving the Application for Grant Funds for the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program of 2008

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_****A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUNNYVALE APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR STATEWIDE PARK 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 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 application(s) before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will enter into a contract with the State of California to complete the grant scope project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Sunnyvale hereby approves the filing of an application for the Morse Avenue Neighborhood Park Development; 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
1. Certifies that the applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project(s); and
2. Certifies that the applicant has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the contract shown in the Grant Administration Guide; and
3. Delegates the authority to the City Manager or his designee, Director of Community Services 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
4. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and guidelines.

Adopted by the City Council at a regular meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2010, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk  
(SEAL)

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Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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David Kahn, City Attorney