

## **REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL**

**DATE: JUNE 22, 2011**

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

**FROM: GREG RAMIREZ, CITY MANAGER**

**BY: LOUIS CELAYA, ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER**

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVING OF THE APPLICATION FOR THE STATEWIDE PARK PROGRAM GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS**

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In 2006, California voters passed Proposition 84, the \$5.4 billion Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act, whereby a \$368 million grant for this program was made available through the Sustainable Communities and Climate Change Reduction Chapter of the Act.

The Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Act Program has announced a second round application process, with the intent to grant awards toward the creation of new parks and “new recreation opportunities”. The competitive grant program is looking to create these opportunities to the most critically underserved communities in California. The minimum grant request for applicants is \$100,000 to a maximum grant of \$5,000,000, and there are no matching grant fund requirements.

City staff plans to submit an application request in the amount of \$1.6 million dollars to assist with the construction of the future proposed Recreation Center. While the grant targets critically underserved communities, the fact that the priority will be given to new parks and recreation opportunities (i.e., community centers) that will benefit all groups (families, senior, youth, other population groups) leads staff to believe the application will have merit for consideration. As noted previously, one of the eligible projects identified on the grant’s eligible use list is community centers. The application deadline submittal date is July 1, 2011.

The grant program requires all applicants to submit a resolution from the agency’s governing body authorizing participation and delegating authority to the City Manager to execute all documents associated with the grant. As the grant provides no matching funding to participate and the City has already set aside some funding toward this project, staff believes this is an opportunity that should not be passed up and an application should be submitted for consideration.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the City Council approve the Resolution Authorizing Approval of the Application for the Statewide Park Program Grant Funds.

Attachment: [Resolution No. 11-1632](#)

**RESOLUTION NO: 11-1632**

**RESOLUTION OF THE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, 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 Agoura Hills hereby:

Approves the filing of an application for the Agoura Hills Recreation Center, 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 the applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project(s), and
3. Certifies that the applicant 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 City Manager, or his designee, 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.

**PASSED APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2011.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 11-1632 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Agoura Hills by the following vote to wit:

AYES:       ( )  
NOES:       ( )  
ABSENT:     ( )  
ABSTAIN:   ( )

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Harry Schwarz, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kimberly M. Rodrigues, MMC  
City Clerk