



REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

DATE: JULY 9, 2014

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: GREG RAMIREZ, CITY MANAGER 

BY: LOUIS CELAYA, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER 

SUBJECT: ADOPT RESOLUTION 14-1756; RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR THIRD SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT (CITIES EXCESS FUND) FUNDING FOR AGOURA HILLS RECREATION CENTER AND APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF A YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN

The City of Agoura Hills has received notification from the 3rd Supervisorial District Office, Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, that it is scheduled to receive \$250,000 in grant funding in connection with the Recreation Center construction. The funding is earmarked for use on the Recreation Center's Outdoor Interpretive Education Center. The County of Los Angeles Regional Park and Open Space District (District) will be the agency administering the grant funding.

The District is requesting the City submit a resolution, from the agency's governing body, authorizing participation in the grant program and designating an authorized representative to negotiate and execute all necessary documents, including submittal of necessary application materials, and approval of a Youth Employment Plan. (YEP).

The YEP calls for the City to identify employment of youth associated with the grants project or other City programs. Staff has identified in the YEP, employment of youth via existing employment opportunities currently within the City, or, possibly, post projects tasks, where feasible. While the YEP identifies this opportunities, the City has exceeded its youth employment goal. City Staff is currently working with District staff with the preparation of the application package, and the resolution must be submitted as part of the application materials to the District. Staff has been advised that funding approvals are scheduled to go before the County Board of Supervisors in August or September.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff respectfully recommends:

- 1) Approval of Resolution No. 14-1756; Resolution of the City Council of the City of Agoura Hills Approving the Application for Grant Funds from the Los Angeles

**County Regional Park and Open Space District for Third Supervisorial District
(Cities Excess Fund) Funding for Agoura Hills Recreation Center and Approving
the Adoption of a Youth Employment Plan**

- 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents associated with the program.**

Attachments: Resolution No. 14-1756

RESOLUTION NO. 14-1756

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR THIRD SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT (CITIES EXCESS FUND) FUNDING FOR AGOURA HILLS RECREATION CENTER AND APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF A YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the people of the County of Los Angeles, California, on November 3, 1992, and on November 5, 1996, enacted Los Angeles County Proposition A, Safe Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree-Planting, Senior and Youth Recreation, Beach and Wildlife Protection (the Propositions), which among other uses, provides funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the County for the purpose of acquiring and/or development of facilities and open space for public recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Propositions also created the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (the District) to administer said funds; and

WHEREAS, the District has set forth the necessary procedures governing application for grant funds under the Propositions, and

WHEREAS, the District's procedures require the City of Agoura Hills to certify, by resolution, the approval of the application before submission of said application(s) to the District; and

WHEREAS, said application contains assurances that the City of Agoura Hills must comply with; and

WHEREAS, the City of Agoura Hills certifies, through this resolution, that the application is approved for submission to the District; and

WHEREAS, the City Agoura Hills will enter into an Agreement with the District to provide funds for acquisition and development projects.

WHEREAS, the District's procedures require the adoption of a Youth Employment Plan for development projects by the governing body of the agency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS HEREBY:

1. Approves the filing of an application with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Funds for the above project; and
2. Certifies that the City of Agoura Hills understands the assurances and certification in the application form; and

3. Certifies that the City of Agoura Hills has, or will have, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project in perpetuity; and
4. Certifies that the City of Agoura Hills will sign and return, within 30 days, both copies of the project agreement sent by the District for authorizing signature; and
5. Approves the adoption of a Youth Employment Plan for the project (see attached); and
6. Appoints the City Manager, or his designee, to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so forth, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Agoura Hills this 9th day of July, 2014, by the following vote to wit:

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

William D. Koehler, Mayor
City of Agoura Hills, California

ATTEST:

Kimberly M. Rodrigues, MMC
City Clerk

CITY OF AGOURA HILLS YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN

AGOURA HILLS INTERPRETIVE PLAY AREA Grant No. 58A3-15- AGOURA HILLS RECREATION CENTER TRAILHEAD, Grant No. 58A3-13-2324

Background:

The City of Agoura Hills received Proposition A funds to fund the above named projects.

Agoura Hills Interpretive Play Area: The project includes the construction of new outdoor education/interpretive play area which includes active, passive, and educational play equipment. The entire area consists of approximately 5,000 sq feet of rubberized play matting, rocks, sculptures, slides, and other elements designed to recreate the feeling of playing in a natural environment. There are also landscaping components encompassing the playground to blend the surrounding area with the play equipment.

Agoura Hills Recreation Center Trailhead: The project includes: (Scope of Work) Construction of new trailhead from the City's new Recreation Center property to existing surrounding trails in the Santa Monica Mountain National Recreation Area, Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District, and the Agoura Hills trail system. Project will include trail cost study, trailhead/trail parking facility improvements and trail construction.

Tasks That May Be Performed by At-Risk Youth:

The nature of these projects requires skilled laborers; therefore, youth will not perform any part of the construction phase of this project. Youth could be used for clean-up of the project site and maintenance after completion of the project.

Estimated Cost of Youth Employment:

The cost of youth is not applicable to these projects. However, the City will continue to pursue the employment of youth to the extent feasible through existing youth employment programs and on particular post project tasks where feasibly.

Method of Youth Employment:

The City will continue to employ youth via existing employment programs currently identified below, whenever feasible. Local at-risk youth are recruited through the public and private schools that are located in close proximity to the facilities. The City also seeks referrals from the Lost Hills Sheriff Department's Juvenile Intervention Team.

Youth Employment Goal:

The City's Youth Employment Goal for the City of Agoura Hills is \$ 1,676.00. The City has met and exceeded this goal (total credits to date: \$21,802).