

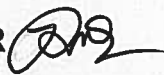


## REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

**DATE:** MAY 27, 2015

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

**FROM:** GREG RAMIREZ, CITY MANAGER 

**BY:** LOUIS CELAYA, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER   
RAMIRO ADEVA, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER 

**SUBJECT:** ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 15-1784; 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 THE 2015 COUNTYWIDE COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM FOR AGOURA HILLS STORM DRAIN CONNECTOR PIPE SCREEN AND CATCH BASIN INLET FILTER INSTALLATION PROJECT AND APPROVES THE ADOPTION OF A YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN

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The City received notification from Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District announcing the 2015 Countywide Competitive Grant Program. The notification advised of two grant categories available under the competitive program, a Rivers and Streams category, and a Santa Monica Bay category that focuses on measures that can improve the Santa Monica Bay by reducing the toxicity of and/or pollutant load in urban runoff to the Bay. Agoura Hills is within the Santa Monica Bay Watershed. Approximately, \$892,000 of grant funding is available under the Santa Monica Bay category and requires applicants to provide a matching fund equivalent to twenty-five percent (25%) of the grant amount requested. Applications are due to the County of Los Angeles, no later than June 3, 2015.

The funds can be spent only on capital outlay projects that meet one of more of the designated criteria, which include protection of public health in recreational waters, and Best Management Practices as defined in the County of Los Angeles's Storm Water NPDES permit. Staff has reviewed the guidelines and determined that our current Storm Drain Connector Pipe Screen and Catch Basin Inlet Filter Installation Program is an ideal and eligible project for this funding source. This continued effort to install "full-capture" screens in all of the city-owned catch basins conforms to the requirements outlined in the NPDES permit, namely the Trash TMDL, and dramatically decreases the trash and debris that ultimately enters nearby streams and creeks.

Contingent upon Council approval of the budget in June, the City is currently proposing \$250,000 to complete the next phase of the Storm Drain Connector Pipe Screen and

Catch Basin Inlet Filter Installation Program. The funding sources include \$150,000 from the Storm Water Reserve Fund and \$100,000 from the General Fund. City staff is proposing an application request of \$125,000, with the City contributing a local match from the Storm Water Reserve Fund of \$125,000 (50%). This would exceed the minimum match amount required for the grant making the application more competitive, and, more importantly, preserves the \$100,000 of General Fund currently being earmarked for this project if the city is successful in obtaining this grant.

Participation in competitive grant application program requires a resolution (attached) from the Governing Body authorizing participation in the grant program and adoption of the 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 these opportunities, the City has exceeded its youth employment goal. The existing youth employment plan previous submitted and approved under prior grant applications with the Regional Park and Open Space District will be submitted again.

Upon approval of the resolution, Staff will complete the grant application for submittal to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for consideration.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the City Council Adopt Resolution No 15-1784, Approving the Application for Grant Funds from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for the 2015 Countywide Competitive Grant Program for Agoura Hills Water Quality Catch Basin Project and Approves the Adoption of a Youth Employment Plan.

Attachment: Resolution No. 15-1784

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-1784**

**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 THE 2015 COUNTYWIDE COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM FOR AGOURA HILLS WATER QUALITY CATCH BASIN PROJECT AND APPROVES THE ADOPTION OF A YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the people of the County of Los Angeles, on November 3, 1992, and on November 5, 1996, enacted Los Angeles County Proposition A, (the "Propositions") for the acquisition, development, rehabilitation, protection and the restoration of beach, wildlife, park and natural lands with the County, tree-planting, gang presentation and intervention, and improvement of recreation facilities for youth and senior citizens, which among other uses, provides funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the County for the purpose of acquiring and/or developing 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**, City of Agoura Hills certifies, through this resolution, that the application is approved for submission to the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of 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 \$125,500 of 2015 Countywide Competitive

Grant Program Funding for the Agoura Hills Storm Drain Connector Pipe Screen and Catch Basin Inlet Filter Installation Project; and

2. Certifies that 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 as shown in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference; and
6. Appoints the City Manager, or 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** this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015, by the following vote to wit:

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

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Illece Buckley Weber, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kimberly M. Rodrigues, City Clerk

Exhibit A

**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  
AGOURA HILLS STORMDRAIN CONNECTOR PIPE SCREEN  
AND CATCH BASIN INLET FILTER INSTALLATION PROJECT**

**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).