

## REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

**DATE: MARCH 23, 2022**

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

**FROM: NATHAN HAMBURGER, CITY MANAGER**

**BY: JESSICA FORTE, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS/CITY ENGINEER**

**SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 22-1998; APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM**

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The City's five-year Capital Improvement Program includes the construction of a linear park and greenway to be built over a portion of the existing flood control channel adjacent to the Whizin Market Square. This project requires funding be identified and secured.

At the City Council's Budget Workshop held on June 12, 2019, staff was directed to explore funding opportunities in order to construct the project. Staff was notified of funding through the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Recreational Trails Program. The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is a biannual grant program administered through the California Department of Parks and Recreation's Office of Grants and Local Services. This program provides funding for recreational trails and trails-related projects, with the ultimate goal of increasing outdoor recreation opportunities for all Californians.

The City of Agoura Hill's Linear Park trail component would be a competitive and viable project for an application to the Recreational Trails Program as, in addition to developing the trail component of the Linear Park, it also meets RTP's competitive criteria by providing a connection to other trail systems, developing a meaningful linkage between homes and schools in the area, and provides an incremental improvement to an important but incomplete trail network near population centers. As a diversified use trail, which is a priority funding category for RTP, the trail would offer recreational opportunities to park users, seasoned hikers exploring the Santa Monica Mountains, and the myriad of bicyclists who traverse the Agoura Road area. By meeting all of these significant eligibility criteria, the Linear Park's trail component is an eligible and competitive candidate for receiving funding from the Recreational Trails Program.

Staff is requesting approval to submit a grant application in the amount of \$700,000, and the required 12% match of \$84,000. The total amount of \$784,000 would cover the cost of the trail elements of the park. The match funds are required to be committed for the project at the time of Application. The grant identifies several eligible match sources that can include other State or Federal Grant funds, Local funds, bond fund, private funds, or donated materials and services. Staff recommends the match funding be committed from a future Measure R grant.

Resolution No. 22-1998 approves the Director of Public Works to execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests, and so forth, which may be necessary to complete the project. Staff is requesting City Council approve the resolution, which must accompany the application.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff respectfully recommends the City Council adopt Resolution No. 22-1998, authorizing the application for grant funds from the Recreational Trails Program.

Attachments: Resolution No. 22-1998

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-1998**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM**

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS HEREBY FINDS, RESOLVES, AND ORDERS, AS FOLLOWS:**

**WHEREAS**, the "Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users" provides funds to the State of California for Grants to federal, state, local and non-profit organizations to acquire, develop and/or maintain motorized and non-motorized trail Projects; 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 procedure 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 Project(s);

**NOW, THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, ORDERED AND FOUND** by the City Council of the City of Agoura Hills, California, as follows:

**APPROVES THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE AGOURA HILLS LINEAR PARK PROJECT; AND**

1. Approves the filing of an Application for the Recreational Trails Program; and
2. Certifies that the Project is consistent with the Applicant's general plan; and
3. Certifies that said Applicant has or will have available prior to commencement of any work on the Project(s) included in this Application, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Project(s); and
4. Certifies that the Applicant has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the Contract shown in the Procedural Guide; and
5. Appoints the Director of Public Works / City Engineer as agent to 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 Project; and
6. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and guidelines.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** this 23<sup>RD</sup> day of March, 2022, by the following vote to wit:

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Deborah Klein Lopez, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kimberly, M. Rodrigues, City Clerk