



Agenda Report

Fullerton City Council

MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 5, 2021

TO: CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY

SUBMITTED BY: STEVE DANLEY, ACTING CITY MANAGER

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SUBJECT: OUTDOOR EQUITY GRANTS PROGRAM APPLICATION

SUMMARY

The Parks and Recreation Department requests City Council approval to submit an application for grant funding from the California Department of Parks and Recreation to develop an Outdoor Equity Grants Program (OEP). The OEP will enable underserved Fullerton youth to participate in outdoor experiences at state parks and other public lands for the period OEP grant funds are available (one to two years).

RECOMMENDATION

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2021-XX.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-XX – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR OUTDOOR EQUITY GRANTS PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS

2. Authorize City Manager to execute all grant-related documents.
3. Accept and appropriate Outdoor Equity Grants Program funds as awarded.

PRIORITY POLICY STATEMENT

This item matches the following Priority Policy Statement:

- Fiscal and Organization Stability.

FISCAL IMPACT

The estimated OEP cost ranges from \$180,000 to \$210,000. Funding for this program will come entirely from grant funds for the duration of the OEP.

DISCUSSION

The Parks and Recreation Department, in partnership with Center for Healthy Neighborhoods, Solidarity and Fullerton School District requests authorization to apply for grant funding from the California Department of Parks and Recreation Office of Grants and Local Services for development of an Outdoor Equity Grants Program. The OEP will increase the ability for Fullerton youth in underserved communities to participate in outdoor experiences at state parks and other public lands. The grant will provide funding for transportation, logistics, programming, operations and staffing. The awarded OEP grant will cover all costs to implement the OEP for the duration grant funding is available likely, one to two years.

The OEP will improve the health and wellness of Fullerton youth in the Richman Park and Garnet community through new educational and recreational activities, service learning, career pathways and leadership opportunities that strengthen a connection to the natural environment. OEP requires a central gathering place in an underserved community that can provide access to outdoor programs. Richman Park will provide the community home base for the program.

These one-time grant funds will provide limited duration environmental education programming at local and state natural environmental areas. OEP will cover each excursion, including all staffing costs, transportation, outdoor activities and admission prices. Staffing costs will cover two part-time administrative interns to assist the Parks and Recreation Manager with all grant compliance and oversight of the grant programs and excursions. Programming will include a variety of excursions such as a kayak tour and hiking excursion on Catalina Island, a tour of the Bolsa Chica State Beach Wetlands, Carbon Canyon Regional Park to learn about the life cycle of trees and the tide pools at Crystal Cove to learn about ocean conservation. It may also include private camp experiences such as Astro Camp in Idyllwild, CA for 100 participants for a duration of three days.

Staff will submit the application by October 8, 2021. The application requires a City Council resolution authorizing the grant application and supporting the use of State grant funds should the City receive funding from the Outdoor Equity Grants Program.

Attachments:

Attachment 1 – Draft Resolution