



COUNTY OF SONOMA

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SUMMARY REPORT

Agenda Date: 11/10/2020

To: Sonoma County Board of Supervisors
Department or Agency Name(s): Regional Parks
Staff Name and Phone Number: Elizabeth Tyree, (707) 565-2575
Vote Requirement: Majority
Supervisorial District(s): Fifth

Title:

Bodega Bay Trail Coastal North Harbor segment District Matching Grant Program application

Recommended Action:

Adopt a resolution authorizing the Director of Regional Parks to apply for the Ag + Open Space District's Matching Grant Program grant in the amount of \$795,000 for the Coastal North Harbor section of the Bodega Bay Trail project and authorizing the Director of Regional Parks to execute all documents which may be necessary to carry out and administer this grant. (Fifth District)

Executive Summary:

Regional parks is seeking \$795,000 from the Matching Grant Program for the Bodega Bay Trail Coastal North Harbor project. Final engineering and securing permits is underway and anticipated to be completed in early 2021. As a result, funding is now needed for construction of this 0.6 mile of California Coastal Trail connecting the Bodega Bay Community Center to Porto Bodega. This grant program requires that applicants provide at least the same value in match contributions as the grant funding requested. This is more than met with \$540,000 in Parks Measure M funding, \$300,000 in SCTA Measure M funding, \$5,000 in Area 1 Park Mitigation Fees, \$20,000 in Sonoma County Regional Parks Foundation funding, \$200,000 Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District pending grant funding, and \$20,000 in volunteer trail construction totaling \$1,085,000 in match. This project will create safe and accessible pedestrian and bicycle access parallel to Highway 1.

Discussion:

The 0.6 mile Coastal North Harbor Trail ("Trail") is a segment of the planned Bodega Bay Trail that was initiated by the community seeking a safe path for pedestrians and bicyclists traveling along the narrow Highway 1 corridor in Bodega Bay. This Trail segment starts on County-owned parkland and the Bodega Bay Community Center. The proposed Trail continues southwest, crossing into Sonoma Coast State Park, past an existing amphitheater, and south near the Bodega Dunes Campground, ending at Eastshore Road near the Porto Bodega Marina. Portions of the Trail cross sand dunes and sensitive habitats necessitating extensive boardwalk to protect habitat and accommodate disabled access.

The Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District ("District") issued a call for applications for the 2020 Matching Grant Program, releasing the Guidelines and Applications Materials on January 31, 2020. The District anticipates awarding \$4 million countywide in Matching Grant Projects this year to public agencies and non-profit organizations. This competitive grant program provides funding for projects that provide open space,

community recreation, or public access opportunities within and near incorporated areas and other urbanized areas of Sonoma County.

Regional Parks requests the Board's support to apply for \$795,000 from the Matching Grant Program managed by District. Should funding be awarded construction is anticipated to be underway in 2021. The Trail was included in the 2005 Bodega Bay Bicycle and Pedestrian Trails Study and is identified as a high priority project in the adopted 2010 County Bikeway Plan. Funding for design, permits, and environmental review was provided by the State Coastal Conservancy. This Trail project creates a significant link in the 1,200 mile California Coastal Trail. Regional Parks would provide long-term operation and management of this planned new segment of trail.

The Matching Grant Program requires a dollar-for-dollar matching contribution of which 50% must be in cash and the remaining funds can be in-kind contributions from the applicant and community partners. The total estimated cost for this project is \$1,880,000. Regional Parks has identified \$1,085,000 of matching funds. This includes \$540,000 in Parks Measure M funding, \$300,000 in SCTA Measure M funding, \$5,000 in Area 1 Park Mitigation Fees, \$20,000 in Sonoma County Regional Parks Foundation funding, \$200,000 Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District pending grant funding, and \$20,000 in volunteer trail construction. Sufficient funds to complete this Trail project and for ongoing operations and maintenance will be secured prior to beginning the project.

This competitive grant could be awarded spring 2021. If funding is received, Regional Parks would return to the Board to award the bid for trail construction, which could occur mid-2021. Operations and maintenance of this new Trail will be funded by voter approved Measure M, Parks for All revenues once constructed.

Prior Board Actions:

September 9, 2020 received the County of Sonoma Capital Project Plan 2020-2025, including subject Bodega Bay Bike & Pedestrian Trail - Coastal North Harbor project.

March 29, 2016 by Resolution No. 16-0110 accepted grant funds from the State Coastal Conservancy for Bodega Bay Trail Coastal North Harbor trail design project.

August 25, 2010 by Resolution No. 10-0636 adopted the 2010 Sonoma County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.

FISCAL SUMMARY

Expenditures	FY 20-21 Adopted	FY21-22 Projected	FY 22-23 Projected
Budgeted Expenses			
Additional Appropriation Requested			
Total Expenditures			
Funding Sources			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal			
Fees/Other			

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Use of Fund Balance			
Contingencies			
Total Sources			

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

There is no fiscal impact to this item. If the grant application is approved, this funding and the related expenditures will be included in the FY 2020-2021 budget. Matching funds will be allocated from funds already dedicated to this project, which is expected to be \$1,085,000.

Staffing Impacts:			
Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A-I Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

None

Attachments:

Resolution

Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:

None