



Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

Department or Agency Name(s): Regional Parks

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Vote Requirement: Majority

Supervisorial District(s): First

Title:

Maxwell Farms Regional Park - State Parks Regional Park Program grant application

Recommended Action:

Adopt a resolution authorizing the Director of Regional Parks to apply for the State Parks Regional Park Program grant in the amount of \$850,000 for Maxwell Farms Regional Park Renovation and Improvement project and to execute all documents that may be necessary to carry out and administer the grant. (First District)

Executive Summary:

Regional Parks is seeking \$850,000 in grant funding for the Maxwell Farms Renovation and Improvement project to aid in completing the first phase of development described in the 2019 Master Plan Update.

Discussion:

Proposition 68, the Parks, Environment, and Water Bond Act of 2018 created multiple funding opportunities for Regional Parks, including the State Parks' Regional Park Program ("Program"). The funding focus of this competitive grant is to create, expand, and improve Regional Parks and include at least one new recreation feature that attracts county-wide visitors. Grant requests must be submitted by November 5, 2021 for regional park capital projects.

The Program further requires that grantees hold land tenure over the project site and have environmental review completed. There is no match requirement for this Program. Projects must be completed by March 2025. State Parks requires a resolution authorizing application and that also appoints the Director of Regional Parks to execute all documents that may be necessary to carry out and administer the grant.

Environmental compliance and project engineering is complete to construct the first phase of Maxwell Farms Renovation. The total estimated construction cost is \$7.5 million, which is anticipated to be financed with \$2.4 million in grants and local funding. Available funding includes \$57,067 Community Development Block Grant, \$130,000 in General Services ADA Self Evaluation Transition Plan funding, \$250,000 Ag + Open Space District matching grant, \$925,899 State Parks Recreation Infrastructure grant, \$942,266 Parks for All Measure M Category 2 funding, \$100,000 in Sonoma County Regional Parks Foundation funding, and \$5,000 in Area 6 Park Mitigation Fees. Concurrently, staff is investigating options to finance the \$5 million balance needed to complete this phase.

There is \$23 million available statewide for this Program. As with all recent applications for Proposition 68 funding, this Program is likely to be oversubscribed. Severely disadvantaged communities, or communities with a median household income of \$42,737 and below, will score higher. The recommended \$850,000 grant request is a discreet amount that could be more likely to be funded in this competitive process.

The Maxwell Farms Regional Park Renovation and Improvement project consists of multiple upgrades and renovations to the existing park. This first phase of work will include renovation to one baseball and one soccer field, installing new restroom and concession buildings, a new off-leash dog area, improving park driveway access and parking, accessibility improvements including trails and facility access, landscape planting and irrigation improvements, and restoration along Sonoma Creek.

Should this funding be awarded it would contribute to completing a meaningful first phase of construction. Although grant award announcement is not expected until spring 2022, a grant can be retroactively applied, paying for work starting July 1, 2020.

Prior Board Actions:

September 1, 2020 received the County of Sonoma Capital Project Plan 2020-2025, including subject Maxwell Farms Redevelopment.

February 26, 2019, by Resolution No. 19-0091, approved the Maxwell Farms Regional Park Master Plan Update and adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

FISCAL SUMMARY

| Expenditures | FY 21-22 Adopted | FY22-23 Projected | FY 23-24 Projected |
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| Budgeted Expenses | 2,410,232 | | |
| Additional Appropriation Requested | 850,000 | | |
| Total Expenditures | 3,260,232 | | |
| Funding Sources | | | |
| General Fund/WA GF | 130,000 | | |
| State/Federal | 1,832,966 | | |
| Fees/Other | 355,000 | | |
| Use of Fund Balance | 942,266 | | |
| Contingencies | | | |
| Total Sources | 3,260,232 | | |

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 either the FY 2021-2022 budget during consolidated budget adjustments or the FY 2022-2023 budget depending upon approval timing.

Staffing Impacts:

| Position Title (Payroll Classification) | Monthly Salary Range (A-I Step) | Additions (Number) | Deletions (Number) |
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Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

None

Attachments:

Resolution

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

None