



Honorable Mayor and Members of the Hermosa Beach City Council

Meeting Date: July 23, 2024

Staff Report No. 24-PW-028

**ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HERMOSA BEACH
AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATION(S) FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR
MEASURE A FUNDING FOR PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS**

(Public Works Director Joe SanClemente)

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends City Council adopt a resolution of the City Council of the City of Hermosa Beach authorizing blanket authority to file application(s) for grant funds from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Measure A funding for projects and programs.

Executive Summary:

The Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD) distributes Measure A funds through annual allocations using set formulas and through competitive grants. Staff recommends City Council adopt a resolution authorizing submittal of applications and authorize staff to accept and appropriate grant funds.

Background:

On November 8, 2016, the voters of the County of Los Angeles approved the Safe, Clean Neighborhood Parks, Open Space Beaches, Rivers Protection, and Water Conversation Measure (Measure A). The measure authorizes funding for park, recreation, and open space projects and their maintenance through an annual special tax on all taxable real property in the County. Measure A distributes funds through annual allocations using set formulas and through competitive grants. The annual allocation varies based on revenue received each year. The Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD) requires agencies to adopt a resolution authorizing submittal of applications and acceptance of the grant funds.

Discussion:

The City is currently allocated an annual, formula based allocation of approximately \$70,000 to \$80,000 per year and has accrued a balance of \$445,634 held by RPOSD. Measure A annual allocation funds can be used for planning, design, and construction of various parks, open space, and recreational use projects subject to specific grant criteria, restrictions, and approval by RPOSD. The RPOSD also offers a variety of other competitive grant programs that the City may be eligible for in the future.

Under the terms of the RPOSD, applicants for any project funding must submit an adopted resolution demonstrating that its governing body has authorized the filing of the application. Approval of the resolution would allow staff to seek annual allocation funding to help supplement funding for projects currently programmed in the capital improvement program (CIP) and utilize future year funding allocations. Staff would also continue to explore other grant opportunities as they become available from RPOSD.

Environmental Review:

The City reviewed the proposed activity for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and has determined that the activity is not a project as defined under Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Thus, no environmental review is necessary.

General Plan Consistency:

This report and associated recommendation have been evaluated for their consistency with the City’s General Plan. Relevant Policies are listed below:

Land Use + Design Element

Goal 6. A pedestrian-focused urban form that creates visual interest and a comfortable outdoor environment.

Policy:

- **6.3 Green open space network.** Establish an interconnected green infrastructure network throughout Hermosa Beach that serves as a network for active transportation, recreation and scenic beauty and connects all areas of the city. In particular, connections should be made between the beach, parks, the Downtown, neighborhoods, and other destinations within the city. Consider the following components when designing and implementing the green/open space network:
 - Preserved open space areas such as the beach and greenbelt
 - Living streets with significant landscaping and pedestrian and bicycle amenities
 - Community and neighborhood parks, and schools

Mobility Element

Goal 3. Public rights-of-way supporting a multimodal and people-oriented transportation system that provides diversity and flexibility on how users choose to be mobile.

Policy:

- **3.10 Require ADA standards.** Require that all public rights-of-way be designed per Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards by incorporating crosswalks, curb ramps, pedestrian signals, and other components to provide ease of access for disabled persons.

Parks + Open Space Element

Goal 1. First class, well maintained, and safe recreational facilities, parks and open spaces.

Policy:

- **1.1 Facility Upgrades.** Improve and update park and open space facilities on a regular basis.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommended action.

Attachment:

Draft Resolution

Respectfully Submitted by: Dave Wilson, Management Analyst

Concur: Joe SanClemente, Public Works Director

Noted for Fiscal Impact: Viki Copeland, Administrative Services Director

Legal Review: Patrick Donegan, City Attorney

Approved: Suja Lowenthal, City Manager