



CALAVERAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA SUBMITTAL

Short Name/Subject California Parks & Recreation Regional Parks Program Grant Request	Board Meeting Date January 18, 2022	Agenda Number
Dept: Administrative Office Div: Economic & Community Development Contact: Kathryn Gallino Preparer: Priscilla Essert Phone: (209) 754-6742	Supervisorial District Number Countywide, District 1	Regular Agenda
Published Notice Required? No Public Hearing Required? No	Estimated Time: 5 Minutes	
Type of Document? Resolution PowerPoint Presentation Included? No Budget Transfer Included (Must be signed by Auditor)? No Complete Agreement Required? No Position Allocation Change? No		

RECOMMENDATION:

Find project exempt from CEQA and 1) By a roll call vote, adopt a Resolution to apply and accept the California Department of Parks and Recreation Regional Parks Program Grant in the amount of \$480,750 for improvements to Nielsen Park; 2) Pre-approve State's proposed grant contract terms; 3) Approve and authorize the County Administrative Officer, or his or her designee to administer the grant and sign and submit all required documents on its behalf; 4) Direct staff to record a 30-year deed restriction; and 4) Establish the grant reimbursement program for a period ending June 30, 2025.

DISCUSSION/SUMMARY:

On June 5, 2018, California voters passed Proposition 68 (Prop 68). Among other things, Prop 68 provides for competitive grant funding for three programs under the California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR). The Regional Park Program (RPP) is one of those programs and \$23.1 million was appropriated for the 2020/21 Budget.

Regional Park Program (RPP) competitive grants are intended to fund the entire cost of a project that will create, expand, and improve regional parks. Projects need to create at least one new recreation feature that will attract visitors from at least a 20-mile radius or a county-wide population to a regional park. The new recreation features will offer nature appreciation, athletic activities, historical or cultural enrichment, or other recreational activities in an open space area. Proceeds from this highly competitive grant would not only renovate existing recreation features but would also create at least one new recreation feature and a new or expanded multi-use trail.

This is a reimbursement-based grant program. No match is required. Grant requests must be between \$200,000 and \$3,000,000 per project at a given site. The grant performance period begins with the grant award date and ends June 30, 2025. However, the project must be completed and open to the public three months prior to the end of this period (March 2025).

During 2021, the Calaveras County Parks & Recreation Commission solicited requests for projects under the RPP. One other project was brought forward to the commission and was a

request for ballfield lighting at the Mountain Ranch Community Park. Upon review of the grant project selection criteria, competitive chart scoring, and short application timeline, the Neilsen Park project was also recommended to advance (see attached map, photographs, and copyright agreement allowing DPR use of the photographs).

Staff would like the County to be an “Applicant” and to submit a proposal for improvements to Neilsen Park in San Andreas with the following scope of work (see attached site plan):

- Pathway upgrade and improved accessibility;
- Parking lot improvements: Grind and repave asphalt, excavate, pour concrete, install handrails, install lighting, parking lot striping, and add concrete bumpers;
- Equipment installation: drinking fountains, trash receptacles, tables, benches, and construct a pergola;
- Tree & brush removal and vegetation clean-up within the scope and parameters of the existing Streambed Alteration Agreement for San Andreas Creek;
- Landscaping: Plant ground cover, trees, and other plants and install irrigation and water lines within the scope and parameters of the existing Streambed Alteration Agreement for San Andreas Creek;

The total estimated cost for major park improvements is \$480,750 and is summarized below:

1. Access improvements (excavate, grading, place AB, form/pour concrete, and install curb/gutter) = \$79,000
2. Fabricate and Install ADA handrail = \$71,000
3. Pour concrete retaining wall = \$59,000
4. Provide and Install light poles = \$58,000
5. Equipment installation drinking fountains, trash receptacles, tables, benches, and large pergola = \$35,000
6. Landscaping = \$25,000
7. Electrical improvements = \$23,250
8. Tree and brush removal = \$10,000
9. Install irrigation system = \$7,500

The estimated major support amenities for park improvements are summarized below:

1. Grind and repave parking lot = \$106,000
2. Stripe parking lot & install bumpers = \$7,000

The Neilsen Park Improvement Project meets several key goals outlined in the application:

- Lighting to allow for extended nighttime use.
- Parking lot improvements that will allow for greater access.
- Landscaping that will beautify the park and increase its appeal to the public.
- Structures for visitor use.

The Cost of ADA improvements and prevailing wages was accounted for in estimates and project costs. Parks are unique places where children can play, families and friends can gather, seniors can socialize, and everyone can connect with nature and engage in physical activity. This is an opportune time to improve Neilsen Park which is located in the historic section of our county seat, which already attracts employees and visitors within commuting distance during the week given the legal, medical, and governmental services located in San Andreas—all within walking distance of Nielsen Park.

If our application is accepted, the County will become the “Grantee” and will receive a deed restriction/grant notice to record on the title to the property. As with the Prop 68 per capita grant projects, the grant terms require a long-term (30-year) deed restriction preserving the grant-

funded improvements and use of them by the public and also require the Board to pre-authorize contract terms and delegate the signing of the contract to a grant manager. The contract terms were routed per County policy and are attached to this item on p.30 of the Grant Administration Guide. This grant also requires the County to give the State ownership of photographs taken of the site, the agreement for which is also attached and was routed. The deed restriction will not be finalized until after the grant is accepted. Also attached is the Grant Administration Guide.

Should Calaveras County be awarded this grant, the San Andreas Recreation and Parks District (SARPD) has agreed to maintain or cause to have maintained, Neilsen Park within the terms of the grant—just as SARPD has agreed to do with the per capita grant for Alex Quinones Park. Staff will return to the Board with an agreement between the County and SARPD following the grant award.

A streambed alteration agreement

FINANCING:

So long as grant terms are followed and no reimbursement is required, there is no impact to the General Fund. Since the park improvements would be located in a disadvantaged community, no grant match required. The total cost of the project is \$480,750 and 100% of the project cost will be covered by the grant.

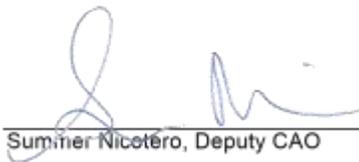
ALTERNATIVES:

The Board may choose not to apply and accept Regional Park Program grant funding for Neilsen Park; however, staff does not recommend that alternative as this is an opportunity to serve this disadvantaged community.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

State of CA, Department of Parks and Recreation, Regional Park Program (RPP)

APPROVED BY:



Summer Nicotero, Deputy CAO

1/10/2022

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF CALAVERAS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
January 18, 2022

Resolution
No. (ID # 6475)

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICANT TO APPLY
FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF
PARKS AND RECREATION, REGIONAL PARK PROGRAM
(RPP) FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility by the Legislature of the State of California for the administration of the Regional Park Grant Program, setting up necessary procedures governing the application; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the Applicant to certify by resolution the approval of the application before submission of said application to the State; and

WHEREAS, successful Applicants will enter into a contract with the State of California to complete the Grant Scope project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Calaveras Board of Supervisors hereby:

APPROVES THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE NIELSEN PARK PROJECT;
AND

1. Certifies that said Applicant has or will have available, prior to commencement of any work on the project included in this application, the sufficient funds to complete the project; and
2. Certifies that if the project is awarded, the Applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project; and
3. Certifies that the Applicant has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the contract shown in the Grant Administration Guide; and
4. Delegates the authority to the County Administrative Officer, or his or her designee to conduct all negotiations, sign and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the Grant Scope; and
5. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and guidelines.
6. Will consider promoting inclusion per Public Resources Code §80001(b)(8 A-G).

Approved and adopted the _____ day of _____, 2022.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution Number _____ was duly adopted by the County of Calaveras Board of Supervisors following a roll call vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent

(Clerk)