

**CITY OF ALBANY  
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda date: December 7, 2009  
Reviewed by: BP

**SUBJECT:** Grant Application for Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program of 2008

**FROM:** Penelope Leach, Recreation and Community Services Director

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

That Council adopt Resolution 09-49 authorizing a grant application for the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program for the Senior Center and Community Garden Expansion project.

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

The Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program of 2008 is a new competitive grant program that was created by Assembly Bill 31 (De Leon) Chapter 623, Statutes of 2008 and is part of Proposition 84. There will be two rounds awarding \$368,000,000 to critically underserved communities throughout California. As of July 1, 2009, the 2009/10 Budget Act appropriated \$184,000,000 for the first competitive round. The deadline is March 1, 2010 to submit grants for the first round.

Pending Council approval, staff will complete the grant application for the Senior Center and Community Garden Expansion project. The City of Albany recently purchased property next door to the current Senior Center in hopes of expanding the Center to serve the growing number of seniors in Albany. Additionally, because there has been so much interest in creating community gardens in Albany and because the grant application is strengthened by having an outdoor educational element, the Senior Center Expansion project would include a community garden.

Grants for the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program of 2008 will be awarded in early fall 2010. The City is currently working with an architect and the community through public workshops to develop a design concept for the project to bring to the City Council.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT**

The ability to construct an expanded Senior Center and a community garden will contribute to the health and welfare of senior residents.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Approval of an application allows the possibility of receiving grant funds. There is no local funding match requirement.

### Attachments

Resolution 09-49