

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

Agenda Date: 5/2/05
Reviewed by _____

SUBJECT: Resolution #05-24 - A Resolution Approving the Application for Grant Funds for the Albany Waterfront Trail Park Enhancement Project through the State Department of Parks and Recreation Land and Water Conservation Fund

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RECOMMENDATION

Approve Resolution #05-24.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this State Parks and Recreation grant is to provide 50% matching grants for development of lands and facilities that provide for public outdoor recreation. The City's Park, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan recommends that the Waterfront Trail Park be enhanced to include amenities such as an outdoor classroom within the existing cove, restroom (porta-potty), picnic tables, and drinking fountain. This grant would allow the City to fulfill a portion of these recommendations, including installation of three picnic tables, and enhancing the existing cove to provide for an outdoor education center. Additionally, funds would be used to provide a porta-potty (handicap accessible), drinking fountain, as well as a community notice board. If the funding is awarded, the City anticipates a start date of November 2005. The Waterfront Committee and the Parks and Recreation Commission have been informally notified of this grant opportunity.

DISCUSSION

In the allocation of Measure F bond funds, improvements to the Waterfront Trail that were included in the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan were identified as potential recipients of grant funding. While the improvements were not granted any allocation of Measure F funds, staff recommends that the City pursue this opportunity to leverage contingency Measure F funds with potential State grant funds to achieve the desired enhancements to the public waterfront area pursuant to the master plan.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The total estimated cost of this capital project is \$75,000. Grant funding is provided as a

reimbursable match, which will be a total of \$37,500. The City's contribution to the program will be \$37,500 expended over 2-3 years. The recommended source of funds for the City's contribution is the \$1.2 million Parks & Recreation contingency of Measure F.

There will be maintenance costs associated with the improvements, as well as operational costs for the water fountain and porta-potty. The grant will pay for the \$117/month cost of operating and maintaining the porta-potty for a period of five years.

Attachment:

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