




AGENDA ITEM NO. 11

CITY OF HAWTHORNE City Council AGENDA BILL

For the meeting of October 10, 2023
Originating Department: City Manager

City Manager: 
Vontray Norris

SUBJECT:

The Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Technical Assistance Program-Multijurisdictional Fund.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approves, receives and file this report.

DISCUSSION:

In the City Council meeting of September 12, 2023 the City Council directed the City Manager to explore the RPOSD Technical Assistance Program- Multi jurisdictional Fund and provide a recommendation for its funding application. Measure A has designated a distinct fund known as the TAP Multi-jurisdictional fund, specifically aimed at financing projects spanning multiple municipalities and unincorporated regions. Notably, Hawthorne falls into the "Very-High-Need" category concerning the availability of parks and open spaces, making us an eligible entity for this fund. We propose endorsing the TAP Multijurisdictional grant to revitalize two state-owned land parcels.

The first site is situated between Freeman Ave and Osage Ave along the 105 Freeway, covering an approximate area of 30,000 square feet. Our recommendation is to transform this space into a pocket park, complete with LED lighting, benches, landscaping, exercise equipment, and an ADA-compliant walkway.

The second site lies between Condon Ave and Burl Ave along the 105 freeway, encompassing approximately 60,000 square feet. Our proposal is to enhance this area by incorporating a scenic walkway, lush vegetation, trees, and diligent maintenance. This endeavor aims to offer our residents a peaceful environment for relaxation, socializing, and connecting with nature. The

design will prioritize sustainable landscaping practices, including water-efficient irrigation and the use of native plantings.

We are deeply committed to involving the local community in the planning and development process to ensure that the project aligns with their needs and desires. We firmly believe that repurposing these state-owned sites in this manner will not only enhance the beauty of the area but also deliver numerous advantages to our community. These benefits include improved opportunities for health and wellness, an increase in property values, and a heightened sense of pride in our surroundings.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLAN:

Investing in parks, recreational facilities, and open spaces in the City of Hawthorne can significantly support its economic development strategic plan in several ways. Well-maintained parks and attractive open spaces can become destinations for tourists, leading to increased tourism-related spending in the City, benefiting local businesses like hotels, restaurants, and shops.

Well-maintained parks and green spaces can enhance property values in the surrounding areas. Higher property values can result in increased property tax revenues for the City, contributing to its financial stability. In addition, parks and recreational activities often serve as hubs for community gatherings and events. These activities can foster a sense of community and belonging, which can have a positive impact on civic engagement and social cohesion. Lastly, Green spaces contribute to improved air and water quality and help mitigate the urban heat island effect. These environmental benefits can make the city a more attractive and sustainable place to live and do business.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

NOTICING PROCEDURES:

72 hours posted notice pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Map