

COUNCIL AGENDA: JANUARY 21, 2014

**SUBJECT:** AUTHORIZE PARKS AND LEISURE SERVICES DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND GRANT

**SOURCE:** PARKS AND LEISURE SERVICES DEPARTMENT




**COMMENT:** Parks are unique places where children play, people exercise, families bond, seniors socialize, youth are mentored, cultures share and celebrate their differences, and everyone connects with nature. For these reasons, vibrant parks funded by the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant program will be a cost-effective means of creating humane, livable communities.

Parks and Leisure Services plans to submit an application for the LWCF Grant. LWCF funds are intended to increase outdoor recreational opportunities. Eligible applicants include cities, counties and districts authorized to acquire, develop, operate and maintain park and recreation areas. Projects eligible to receive funding include acquisition or development of outdoor recreation areas and facilities. Priority development projects include trails, campgrounds, picnic areas, playgrounds, natural areas and cultural areas for recreational use. Property acquired or developed under the program must be maintained in perpetuity for public outdoor recreation use. Grant applications are due February 3, 2014, and the announcement of funding recommendations will be made by May 30, 2014.

The grant submitted will be for a playground shade structure and playground equipment at Veterans Park. Development of recreation features must be for outdoor recreation, not indoor recreation. The estimated total project cost is \$70,000. The LWCF grant is a reimbursement-only program, in which the funding sources to "cash-flow" 100% of the total project cost must be identified at the time of the application. LWCF will match up to 50% of the total project cost, not to exceed \$2,000,000 per application. If awarded the grant, the matching funds for this project would come from Community Development Block Grant Housing Related Parks Program Funding.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the City Council authorize the Parks and Leisure Services Director to proceed with the grant process.

**ATTACHMENT:** Resolution

 Director    Appropriated/Funded    City Manager  
ACTING   ITEM NO.: 9

RESOLUTION NO: \_\_\_\_\_-2014

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTERVILLE  
APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR LAND  
AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND  
PORTERVILLE VETERANS PARK PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Congress under Public Law 88-578 has authorized the establishment of a federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant-In-Aid program, providing Matching funds to the State of California and its political subdivisions for acquiring lands and developing Facilities for public outdoor recreation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Parks and Recreation is responsible for administration of the program in the State, setting up necessary rules and procedures governing Applications by local agencies under the program; and

WHEREAS, the **APPLICANT** certifies by resolution the approval of Applications and the availability of eligible Matching funds prior to submission of said Applications to the State; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Porterville hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an Application for Land and Water Conservation Fund assistance for the proposed: Veterans Park Playground Improvement Project; and
2. Agrees to abide by **SECTION 6(F)(3)** of Public Law 88-578 which states, "No property acquired or developed with assistance under this section shall, without the approval of the National Secretary of the Interior, be converted to other than public outdoor recreation uses. The Secretary shall approve such conversion only if he/she finds it to be in accord with the then existing comprehensive statewide outdoor recreation plan and only upon such conditions as he/she deems necessary to assure the substitution of other recreation properties of at least equal fair market value and of reasonably equivalent usefulness and location"; and
3. Certifies that said agency has Matching funds from eligible source(s) and can finance 100 percent of the Project, which up to half may be reimbursed; and
4. Certifies that the Project is compatible with the land use plans of those jurisdictions immediately surrounding the Project; and
5. Appoints the Director of Parks and Leisure Services agent of the **APPLICANT** to conduct all negotiations and execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, Applications, contracts, amendments, payment requests, and compliance with all applicable current state and federal laws which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned Project.

Passed, approved and adopted the 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2014.

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Cameron J. Hamilton, Mayor

ATTEST:  
John D. Lollis, City Clerk

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By: Patrice Hildreth, Chief Deputy City Clerk