

COUNCIL AGENDA: OCTOBER 21, 2014

SUBJECT: MLB BASEBALL TOMORROW FUND GRANT AWARD

SOURCE: PARKS AND LEISURE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

COMMENT: Parks and Leisure Services staff submitted a MLB Baseball Tomorrow Fund Grant in March 2014 for amenities for the two softball diamonds at the Sports Complex. Staff recently received word that the City of Porterville has been selected as a recipient of a grant award in the amount of \$13,036. The grant funds will be used for the following items: outfield fencing, fence guards, distance markers, foul poles, infield mix, dugout shade covers, breakaway bases, drinking fountain, trash cans and a field drag.

On March 18, 2014, at the City Council meeting, Council authorized use of up to \$26,883 from Council Special Purposes Reserves for proposed softball amenities relating to this project. The MLB Baseball Tomorrow Fund Grant requires a minimum match of at least 50% of the total amount requested. The actual amount needed from the Special Purposes Reserves is \$13,847.

The amenities to the two softball diamonds should draw tournaments to the facility, add some safety features, and enhance the overall playing experience.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council authorize staff to purchase softball field amenities up to \$13,847 from the Special Purposes Reserves.

 Director  Appropriated/Funded

 City Manager

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