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AGENDA ITEM**

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AGENDA DATE: February 2, 2016

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>

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SUBJECT: Authorize submittal of the 2015 Housing-Related Parks Program Grant Application

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize and direct submittal of a State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development application for the 2015 Housing-Related Parks Program Grant based on the Notice of Funding Availability issued on October 26, 2015.
2. Authorize and direct the Chairman of the Board to sign the completed application and accompanying documents on behalf of the County for the Housing-Related Parks Program 2015 designated program year in an amount not the exceed \$622,425.
3. Authorize and direct the Chairman of the Board to execute the Standard Agreement not to exceed \$622,425, any amendments thereto, and any and all documents required to secure the grant from the Department of Housing and Community Development, subject to County Counsel approval as to form.
4. Acknowledge and agree that the County is subject to the terms and conditions as specified in the Standard Agreement and that funds are to be used for allowable and eligible capital asset project expenditures to be identified in Exhibit A for the Standard Agreement with the application incorporated in full; in a manner presented in the application as approved by the Department of Housing and Community Development and in accordance with the Notice of Funding Availability, Program Guidelines and the Application Package.
5. Authorize and direct the Resource Management Agency Director, or designee(s), to sign funds requests, reporting documentation, and other program-supporting

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documentation as required by the Department of Housing and Community Development for participation in the Housing-Related Parks Program.

SUMMARY:

The State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development (Department) issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the 2015 Housing-Related Parks (HRP) Program Grant on October 26, 2015. The HRP Program is designed to encourage cities and counties to develop new residential housing by rewarding those jurisdictions that approve housing for lower-income households and are in compliance with State Housing Element law. Grant funds are awarded for parks and recreation projects that benefit communities and add to their quality of life. Applications are due February 4, 2016.

Following the strategic initiatives set forth within the Strategic Management System previously adopted by the Tulare County Board of Supervisors – specifically to improve the Quality of Life of residents – in 2013 Tulare County applied successfully for HRP Program funds to improve a community park in Goshen, a County-owned park in Cutler, and to create a park within Plainview. With the design process now complete and the beginning of initial construction work on these projects, Tulare County proposes to apply for additional HRP Program funds to enhance amenities and infrastructure within Ledbetter County Park, located near Cutler.

The County proposes to apply for an amount not to exceed \$622,425 in 2015 HRP Program grant funds to make improvements to the park's domestic water system and electrical system, make playground improvements, and repair or reconstruct the existing arbors located within Ledbetter Park which have exceeded their normal useful service life and are due for improvement or replacement.

To be clear, the eligibility calculations made to properly complete the grant application indicate that Tulare County is eligible for \$414,950 in housing reward funding that can be applied to eligible park improvements. State HRP program officials have recommended the County apply for a grant award not to exceed \$622,425 in order to allow the County to capture the maximum amount of bonus award should our application be deemed eligible for any bonus amount.

The Department will award HRP Program funds to eligible jurisdictions on a per-bedroom basis for each residential unit affordable to very low- and low-income households permitted during the designated time period of January 1, 2010, to December 31, 2015. In addition, units substantially rehabilitated, converted from market rate to affordable, and preserved with certificates of occupancy issued within the designated time period are eligible.

The HRP Program does not use a competitive process to award funds; all jurisdictions that meet the eligibility requirements will receive funds. Applicants may receive up to \$2,200 per bedroom for qualifying low-income units and \$2,725 per bedroom for qualifying very low-income units as follows:

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Qualifying Unit	Base Award per bedroom	Bonus Awards Per Bedroom							Total Award Possible
		Unit-Based			Park-Based			Other	
		New Constr. Units	VLI Units	Infill Units	Disadvantaged Community	Park Deficient Community	Regional Blueprint/ Supporting Infill	RHNA Progress	
Low Income (LI)	\$500	\$300	N/A	\$250	\$500	\$500	\$100	\$50	\$2,200
Very-Low Income (VLI)	\$750	\$300	\$250	\$250	\$500	\$500	\$100	\$75	\$2,725

To be eligible for funding, an applicant must meet a minimum grant amount of \$75,000. There is no maximum award; however, if eligibility for funds exceeds the amount of funding available, the Department may reduce all grants proportionally or, in the event the HRP Program is undersubscribed, roll over unused funds to the next funding round.

The County will utilize the grant funds to complete rehabilitation of several existing County parks and provide funding to complete several projects within Community Service District or Public Utility District owned park properties. Funds could be used to acquire property, or pay for costs to construct, rehabilitate, or acquire capital assets.

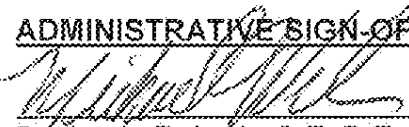
FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

Self-Help Enterprises assisted with application preparation for a \$2,500 fee. HRP Program funds cannot be used for administrative costs. If the HRP Program grant is awarded, the cost for administration will have to be absorbed by the Resource Management Agency or a General Fund allocation. The Tulare County Parks Department has agreed to provide \$5,000 from its General Fund allocation to partially offset the costs to manage this project.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Quality of Life initiative to promote public health and welfare. The grant activities will improve the quality of life, and improve the public health and welfare by providing safe recreation opportunities.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:


 Benjamin Ruiz, Jr. S.E. P.E., Interim Director

cc: Auditor-Controller
 County Counsel
 County Administrative Office (2)

Attachment "A" – HRP Program Application (available for review with the Clerk of the Board)

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