



**General Services Agency
Parks & Recreation
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

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AGENDA DATE: May 21, 2019

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 type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CONTACT PERSON: Maria Benavides PHONE: 205-1124				

SUBJECT: Goshen Park Grant Opportunity

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Direct staff to apply for grant funding through the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program to renovate the Park in Goshen.

SUMMARY:

On September 11, 2018, the General Services Agency (GSA) Parks & Recreation (Parks) Division assumed responsibility for a combination drainage basin and park space located at 6800 Ave 310 in the community of Goshen, which was constructed as part of a Tulare County Redevelopment Agency (TCRA) railroad crossing grade separation and realignment project.

Following TCRA's dissolution, the County Resource Management Agency (RMA) assumed responsibility for the property and considered closing the area to the public and maintaining it only as a storm drainage basin. However, due to the lack of other recreational spaces in Goshen, and the community's frequent use of the property for sports activities, the property was transferred to the Parks Division to maintain as the 11th County Park.

The Parks Division received an additional \$50,000 allocation from the General Fund in FY 2018/19 to cover routine landscaping maintenance at the Park in Goshen to offset the additional maintenance responsibilities associated with this property. However, the property is in need of extensive repairs beyond routine maintenance.

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Staff is currently assessing the necessary one-time and ongoing maintenance costs associated with running the Park and have identified a grant funding opportunity through round three of the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program (Grant) administered by the California Department of Parks and Recreation Office of Grants and Local Services.

The intent of the proposed Grant is to create new parks, expand parks, or renovate existing parks with new recreation opportunities in critically underserved communities across California. The Park in Goshen may qualify for park renovation funds in accordance with the following selection criteria:

PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA		MAX POINT VALUE
PROJECT LOCATION		
1.	Critical Lack of Park Space	15
2.	Significant Poverty	16
3.	Type of Project	10
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT		
4.	Community Based Planning	18
5.	Employment or Volunteer Opportunities	6
6.	Partnerships or Committed Funding	3
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE CONSIDERATIONS		
7.	Environmental Design	7
8.	Public Use Fees and Hours of Operation	5
SUMMARY ABOUT PROJECT NEED, BENEFITS, AND READINESS		
9.	Community Challenges, Project Benefits and Readiness	20
MAXIMUM SCORE		100

The California Department of Parks and Recreation has \$254,942,000 of funding available for round three of the proposed Grant and application requests may range from \$200,000 to \$8.5 million. The 2019 round application deadline is August 5, 2019. If the grant is awarded, the County will be required to operate and maintain the Park and its features for 30 years and a deed restriction will be placed on the Park property during that period.

In accordance with the “Community Engagement” selection criteria, community residents must be actively involved in guiding any park project for which the County requests funding. As such, the Parks Division has started hosting a series of outreach meetings in Goshen to solicit community input regarding potential park use and project design.

In these meetings, staff will be discussing this potential grant funding opportunity, asking residents to prioritize and design possible recreational features, and securing

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partnerships and volunteers for potential park projects. Community involvement in identifying Park needs will ensure residents are involved and invested in the development of its Park and feedback from these meetings will be used to develop a project scope and cost for the proposed Grant application.

On March 7, 2019, the Parks Advisory Committee received an presentation regarding the proposed Grant and recommend that the County pursue this opportunity. Therefore, it is requested that the Board direct staff to apply for grant funding through the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program to renovate the Park in Goshen.

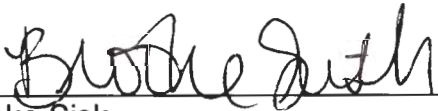
FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The proposed Grant application will not incur a Net County Cost to the General Fund.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's Strategic Business Plan includes the Quality of Life initiative. Management of this park will enable the County to improve the appearance and usability of the County's Parks, which provide essential quality of life recreational opportunities for County residents.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



Brooke Sisk
General Services Agency Assistant Director

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s)

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF GOSHEN PARK)
GRANT OPPORTUNITY) Resolution No. _____
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UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD _____
_____, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JASON T. BRITT
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

1. Directed staff to apply for grant funding through the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program to renovate the Park in Goshen.