



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

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA DATE: December 17, 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: California Conservation Corps Grant Opportunity

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize the submission of the California Conservation Corps Active Transportation Program grant for improvements to Ledbetter Park in the form of a non-motorized pathway.
2. Approve construction of a pathway from the basketball court to the Senior Center at Ledbetter Park by CSET Sequoia Community Corps if the grant funding is approved.
3. Adopt the Categorical Exemption prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines per Class 1 Section 15301 Existing Facilities (C) Application by public agencies.
4. Authorize the Environmental Assessment Officer, or designee, to sign and file the Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk.
5. Delegate authority to the General Services Agency Director to apply for grant funding in partnership with Community Services & Employment Training (CSET) Sequoia Community Corps for the improvement of County Parks.

SUMMARY:

Active Transportation Program Grant Opportunity

In November 2019, Parks and Recreation staff met with the Community Services & Employment Training (CSET) Sequoia Community Corps (Corps) to identify grant funding opportunities for County Parks through the California Department of Transportation Active Transportation Program (ATP). The ATP encourages

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partnerships with local Conservation Corps by including them as one of the project selection criteria.

ATP projects encourage the increased use and safety of active modes of transportation, such as walking or biking for the enhancement of public health. Priorities for the program include the following:

- Connects or completes a larger network of active transportation
- Benefits disadvantaged communities
- Is part of a local or regional bicycle, pedestrian or active transportation plan
- Utilizes leverage or matching funds
- Provides transit-sector workforce education training.

The maximum request amount is \$142,857, the deadline for the application is December 31, 2019, and the project must be completed by June 30, 2022. Awarded funds may only be used for direct project-related costs and will not cover overhead expenses. Therefore, CSET will require the County to pay approximately 15% of the total project cost in overhead costs if its project is selected.

For this round of funding, staff proposed a pathway project around the perimeter of Alpaugh Park. However, CSET did not believe the project met sufficient non-motorized pathways criteria to pass its internal project review, and proposed a paving project at Ledbetter Park instead. As such, the Alpaugh Park project will remain a Parks priority for future grant funding opportunities.

The proposed project at Ledbetter Park would complement the work being done by CSET at the basketball court and improve access for the community to the adjacent senior center. CSET is still in the process of reviewing proposed projects internally. Therefore, it is requested that the Board authorize submission of the California Conservation Corps Active Transportation Program grant for the pathway at Ledbetter Park, if the project is selected by CSET.

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the County has determined that this project qualifies for categorical exemption: State CEQA Guidelines Class 1 Section 15301 Existing Facilities (c). It is requested that the Board adopt the categorical exemption and authorize the Environmental Assessment Officer, or designee, to sign and file the Notice of Exemption with County Clerk.

Ongoing Partnership with CSET Sequoia Community Corps

In an effort to continue building a strong and successful partnership between Parks & Recreation and the Sequoia Community Corps, it is requested that the Board delegate authority to the General Services Agency Director to apply for grant funding through the Corps for future Parks projects. The Corps often experiences the quick turnaround of project solicitation and selection in order to meet their grant deadlines. This means that Parks must compete with other community projects for

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internal selection by the Corps and the authority to make quick changes to project proposals to remain competitive is essential. The proposed delegated authority would allow Parks the flexibility to work with the Corps to quickly develop and submit project ideas and will increase the likelihood of project selection for grant funding.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There is no Net County Cost to the General Fund.

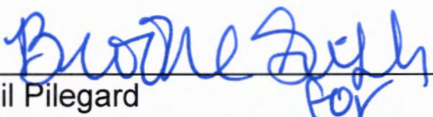
The direct project cost up to \$142,857 will be funded by the California Conservation Corps Active Transportation Program grant. The 15% overhead cost up to \$21,429 will be funded by Capital Project Parks Improvement funds (030-086-3200-8125).

For any future grant projects, Capital Project Parks Improvement funds (030-086-3200-8125) will be used as matching dollars or to cover indirect costs. Utilizing these funds as match for Community Corps-funded projects increases the value and efficiency of Parks improvement dollars designated in the Capital Projects fund.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's Strategic Business Plan includes the Quality of Life initiative. Applying for grant funding will enable the County to improve the appearance and utilization of County Parks, which provide essential quality of life recreational opportunities for County residents.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



Neil Pilegard
Parks and Recreation Manager

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s)

A - Notice of Exemption filed with County Clerk

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

IN THE MATTER OF CALIFORNIA)
CONSERVATION CORPS GRANT) Resolution No. _____
OPPORTUNITY) Agreement No. _____
)

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

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Notice of Exemption

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

Tulare County Clerk
Room 105, Courthouse
221 South Mooney Boulevard
Visalia, California 93291

Lead Agency: Tulare County Resource Management Agency
5961 South Mooney Blvd.
Visalia, Ca 93277
Attn: hguerra@co.tulare.ca.us; Ph: (559) 624-7000

Applicant(s): Community Services & Employment Training (CSET)
312 NW 3rd
Visalia, CA 93291 Ph: (559) 732-4194

Tulare County General Services Agency
2637 W. Burrell Avenue, Suite 200
Visalia, CA 93291 Ph: (559) 205-1100

Date filed at Tulare County Clerk

Project Title: Ledbetter Park Improvements

Project Location – Specific: Near the southwest corner of Road 128 (SR 63) and Avenue 408, in Cutler, CA

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: N/A

Project Location - City: N/A, Unincorporated community of Cutler, CA

Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Tulare County General Services wishes to partner with Community Services & Employment Training (CSET) to apply for a grant through California Conservation Corps to construct a pathway at Ledbetter Park in Cutler to connect the basketball court and the senior center. The goal is to increase safety and mobility for non-motorized users and enhance public health. Thus, this project will provide a public benefit by enhancing the park experience by the public for all Tulare County residents.

Exempt Status: *(check one)*

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- General Rule: CEQA guidelines 15061 (b)(3)
- Categorical Exemption: **CEQA Guidelines Class 1 Section 15301 Existing Facilities (c) and Section**
- Statutory Exemptions:

Reasons why project is exempt: This action is consistent with Section 15301 Class 1, Existing Facilities, operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features. In this instance, recreational improvements would enhance the attractiveness and functionality of an existing park located in the unincorporated community of Cutler in Tulare County. As such, the use of Section 15301 is applicable and appropriate.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Tulare, Resource Management Agency

Project Planner/Representative: John Hess, General Services Agency Director **Area Code/Telephone:** 559-205-1100

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Title: Chief Environmental Planner
Hector Guerra

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Title: Environmental Assessment Officer
Reed Schenke, P.E.

Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR: N/A