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To: Recreation and Park Commission

Through: Philip A. Ginsburg, General Manager
Stacy Bradley, Director of Capital and Planning

From: Toni Moran, Analyst

Subject: Noe Valley Town Square Restroom Specified Grant - Accept and Expend

Agenda Wording

Discussion and possible action to adopt a resolution to 1) approve an application to the California Department of Parks and Recreation's Specified Grant Program in the amount of \$1,700,000 for pre-fabricated public restrooms, starting with Noe Valley Town Square and Precita Park, and other spaces if funding is available; and 2) recommend that the Board of Supervisors authorize the Recreation and Park Department to accept and expend the Grant funds; and 3) recommend that the Board of Supervisors authorize the General Manager to enter into a Grant agreement.

Strategic Plan

Strategy 1, Inspire Public Space: Keep today's parks safe, clean, and fun; promote our parks' historic and cultural heritage; and build the great parks of tomorrow.

Objective 1.2: Strengthen the quality of existing parks and facilities.

Strategy 3, Inspire Investment: Through community engagement, advocacy, and partnerships, cultivate more financial resources to keep San Francisco's parks and programs accessible for all.

Objective 3.3: Cultivate increased philanthropic support.

Background

Noe Valley Town Square (NVTS) opened to the public on October 27, 2016, after four years of collaboration between the Recreation and Park Department (RPD), the community group Residents for Noe Valley Town Square, then-Supervisor Scott Wiener's office, and the San Francisco Parks Alliance. The original park design, approved in 2014 by the Recreation and Park Commission, included a public restroom in the northeast corner of the plaza; however, due to a funding shortfall, the restroom facility was eliminated from the project scope.



In FY 21-22, the Department allocated funds in the budget for project planning including evaluating the viability of a modular restroom at the site and preparing cost estimates for project funding. Prior to the cost estimate preparation, the Noe Valley community successfully advocated for \$1,700,000 in Specified Grant Funds that will be administered by the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS).

After the State Appropriation was identified, the Department received an in-kind donation of a prefabricated modular restroom and associated installation work worth approximately \$425,000 and RPD identified ways to reduce the project administration budget to approximately \$300,000. As the result of the in-kind donation of the prefabricated modular restroom and additional budget efficiencies, the overall Project budget has been reduced and is estimated to cost \$725,000, (\$300,000 public funds and \$425,000 in donor funds).

The Recreation and Park Department has initiated a request to OGALS to allow these cost-savings to be redirected to Precita Park to provide a prefabricated modular restroom facility at the park. If funds are available after delivering the two identified parks, other parks will be identified. The approval of these modifications will occur as part of the project application process.

One of the preliminary grant requirements is to adopt a resolution to apply (Attachment 1) which delegates the authority to General Manager, and their designee to conduct grant related business. Upon adoption of the Resolution by the Recreation and Park Commission and the Board of Supervisor's approval of the grant contract, RPD staff will prepare separate project information packets for each project that will be funded by the Specified Grant and submit them to OGALS for approval.

Proposed Project Schedule

Noe Valley Town Square

Planning Phase and Board approval: January 2023 - March 2023

Drawings for permits and construction: April 2023 – May 2023

Bid/Award Phase: June 2023 – July 2023 (NOTE – could be concurrent with design phase)

Construction Phase: August 2023 – September 2023

Precita Park (approximate start dates)

Planning Phase: Fall 2023

Drawings for permits and construction: Spring 2024

Bid/Award Phase: Summer 2024

Construction Phase: Winter 2024

Funding Sources

Noe Valley Town Square:

In-kind Grant Funding: \$425,000

Specified Grant Allocation: \$300,000

Precita Park:

Specified Grant Allocation: \$1,400,000

The actual cost of the Precita Park Restroom project will be evaluated and refined following initial site review and investigation work of the park facility. Any balance of grant funding will be used for future modular restrooms. General Fund will be used to cover indirect labor costs that are not eligible for State funding.

Financial Impact

Approximately \$1,700, 000

Staff Recommendation

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Grants Supported By

Department Staff

Opposed By

None Known

Attachment

Resolution to Apply