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Date: May 3, 2018

To: Recreation and Park Commission,
Operations Committee

Through: Philip A. Ginsburg, General Manager
Dennis Kern, Director of Operations

From: Carol Sionkowski, Park Services Manager - PSA5

Subject: Buena Vista Reforestation - Phase 1

Agenda Wording

Discussion and possible action to (1) adopt a resolution approving an application for an Urban Greening Grant from the California Natural Resources Agency in the amount of \$280,538 for the Buena Vista Reforestation – Phase 1 project; (2) recommend that the Board of Supervisor authorize the Recreation and Park Department to Accept and Expend the Grant; (3) authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with the State to administer the Grant funds; and (4) direct staff to move forward with the design and environmental review for the project.

Strategic Plan

Strategy 1: Inspire Public Space: Develop more open space to address population growth in high needs areas and emerging neighborhoods.

Objective: 1.2.: Strengthen the quality of existing Parks & 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/Project Description

The Operations Division is requesting the adoption of a resolution to apply for an Urban Greening Grant in the amount of \$280,538 to support reforestation, storm water management and erosion control efforts for approximately three acres of the woodlands in Buena Vista Park. These efforts were determined to be of high priority in the 2015 Buena Vista Capital Improvement Plan.

The Urban Greening Grant (UGG) Program is funded by Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds (GGRF) and is administered by the California Natural Resources Agency. The UGG program supports green infrastructure projects that provide multiple benefits. Funded projects must result



in greenhouse gas emission reductions. This can be accomplished by planting trees that sequester and store carbon, strategically planting trees to shade buildings, or constructing bicycle paths, bicycle lanes, or pedestrian facilities that reduce vehicle miles traveled.

GGRF have several governing statutes that provide a framework for how the GGRF must be appropriated and expended. The majority of UGG funds must be allocated to projects that are located and serve Disadvantaged Communities (DAC) as defined by CalEnviroScreen 3.0 and low-income communities as defined in AB 1550. Projects that provide park and recreation benefits, serve critically underserved or disadvantaged communities, use interagency cooperation and integration, or develop partnerships with local community organization for outreach, or provide access to workforce education are given additional points. There is \$24.7M in funding available for this grant round. There is no minimum or maximum grant award. Matching funds are not required but recommended. Projects must be completed by May 1, 2021 and upon completion, the grantee must record a Declaration of Restrictions on the property to assure the property improvements are maintained for public recreational use for a minimum of 20 years.

In March 2018, the Operations Division determined that the Buena Vista Reforestation Project – Phase I (“Project”) would be competitive for this program. The Project requires this funding to perform the site reforestation in a timely manner. The Project is working in partnership with the Buena Vista Neighborhood Association (who co-authored the grant application), San Francisco Conservation Corps, San Francisco Human Services Agency *JobNow!* program and Enterprise for Youth. The project will be completed within the grant performance period which ends May 1, 2021. Based on these factors, staff recommends applying to the UGG for Project funding.

The Division is requesting that the Commission adopt a resolution to apply for the Urban Greening Grant, recommend that the Board of Supervisors authorize the Department to Accept and Expend the funds, and authorize the General Manager to enter into a grant agreement with the State to administer the grant.

Funding and Budget

Current Project Construction Estimate:	\$432,363
In Kind Volunteer, SFRPD, SFHSA and Enterprise for Youth Contributions:	<u>\$151,825</u>
	\$280,538

Staff Recommendation: Approval of the following resolution:

RESOLVED that this Commission (1) adopt a resolution approving an application for an Urban Greening Grant from the California Natural Resources Agency in the amount of \$280,538 for the Buena Vista Reforestation – Phase 1 project; (2) recommend that the Board of Supervisor authorize the Recreation and Park Department to Accept and Expend the Grant; (3) authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with the State to administer the Grant funds; and (4) direct staff to move forward with the design and environmental review for the project.

Supported by

California State Senator Scott Wiener
Buena Vista Neighborhood Association
Enterprise for High School Students
San Francisco Conservation Core

Opposed By

None Known

Attachment

Resolution

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION
City and County of San Francisco
Resolution Number

APPROVING THE BUENA VISTA PARK REFORESTATION PHASE I
APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR
CALIFORNIA CLIMATE INVESTMENTS URBAN GREENING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided funds for the program shown above; and

WHEREAS, the California Natural Resources Agency has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of this grant program, establishing necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the California Natural Resources Agency require a resolution certifying the approval of application(s) by the Applicants governing board before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the Project; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Recreation and Park Commission

1. Approves the filing of an application for the Buena Vista Reforestation Project
2. Certifies that applicant understands the assurances and certification in the application, and
3. Certifies that applicant or title holder will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project consistent with the land tenure requirements; or will secure the resources to do so, and
4. Certifies that it will comply with the provisions of Section 1771.5 of the State Labor Code, and
5. If applicable, certifies that the project will comply with any laws and regulations including, but not limited to, legal requirements for building codes, health and safety codes, disabled access laws, environmental laws and, that prior to commencement of construction, all applicable permits will have been obtained, and
6. Certifies that applicant will work towards the Governor's State Planning Priorities intended to promote equity, strengthen the economy, protect the environment, and promote public health and safety as included in Government Code Section 65041.1, and
7. Appoints the General Manager, or designees, as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, payment

requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project(s).

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes

Noes

Absent

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted at the Recreation and Park Commission meeting held on May 17, 2018.

Margaret A. McArthur, Commission Liaison