

**STAFF REPORT
City of Lancaster**

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Date: February 23, 2010
To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members
From: Robert W. Greene, Parks, Recreation and Arts Department Director
Subject: **Resolution Approving Application for Statewide Park Program Grant Funds**

Recommendation:

Adopt **Resolution No. 10-09**, approving the application for Statewide Park Program Grant funds.

Fiscal Impact:

None as a direct result of this action.

Summary:

Proposition 84, approved by voters in November 2006, makes available \$368,000,000.00 for a competitive statewide grant program. Projects may consist of acquisition, development and / or improvement of real property for parks and other recreational amenities. Priority will be given to projects in proximity to critically underserved communities defined as having the lowest ratio of usable park space per 1,000 residents within a ½ mile radius. The creation of new parks in neighborhoods will be given priority.

The maximum grant amount is \$5,000,000.00. The City projects that best fit the criteria are the Youth Baseball/Softball Complex, proposed on a portion of the old fairgrounds location and the rehabilitation of the auditorium on the current American Heroes Park site. The Youth Baseball/Softball Complex design is nearing completion with an anticipated construction date of July 2011. The facility will feature two little league fields and two softball/baseball fields as well as other supporting amenities. Rehabilitation of the existing auditorium at American Heroes Park will provide the opportunity for local community gatherings, facilitation of special classes, and increase downtown meeting space.

The application packet is due on or before March 1, 2010.

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Attachment(s):

1. Resolution No. 10-09