

STAFF REPORT
City of Lancaster, California

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Date: June 28, 2011

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Brian S. Ludicke, Planning Director

Subject: **Statewide Park Program Grant - Authorizing Resolution**

Recommendation:

Adopt **Resolution No. 11-46**, authorizing the City Manager to apply for a Statewide Park Program Grant from the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, Office of Grants and Local Services for the Amargosa Creek Trail, and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute all documents relative to the grant.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the grant as no matching funds are required. The environmental documentation for the project has been previously completed and no additional CEQA compliance is required.

Background:

The California Department of Parks and Recreation, Office of Grants and Local Services, Strategic Growth Council has announced the second round of funding for the Statewide Park Program. These grants are funded by the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84). The purpose of these grants is to create new parks and new recreation opportunities in underserved communities. Types of projects that can be funded are athletic fields, community gardens, parks, trails, and performing arts venues. Grant awards range from \$100,000 to \$5,000,000 and no matching funds are required.

Staff proposes to build the Amargosa Creek Trail from the trailhead at the Antelope Valley Fair Grounds south to approximately 15th Street West. The proposed project would grade the trail; install native and drought tolerant landscaping (trees and shrubs); install trail amenities such as benches, signs, trash cans, etc; provide access points from the neighborhoods to the trail; and may include a bridge over Lake Lancaster. This would provide Lancaster residents with access to recreational facilities and encourage healthy lifestyle choices. Staff proposes a grant request of up to \$5,000,000 to construct the Amargosa Creek Trail.

The grant application requires that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the filing of the application and designating the staff member who can sign the grant application. The attached resolution would establish that person as the City Manager.

Attachment:

Resolution No. 11-46