

STAFF REPORT
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Date: August 26, 2014
To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members
From: Ronda Perez, Parks, Recreation and Arts Department Director
Subject: **Resolution Approving Application for Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space Grant Funds**

Recommendation:

Adopt **Resolution No. 14-59**, approving the application for grant funds from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for the 5th Supervisorial District 2015 Competitive Excess Funds Grant Program Funding for a Splash Pad Plaza at American Heroes Park and approving the adoption of a Youth Employment Plan.

Fiscal Impact:

The grant application is for \$300,000 for the completion of a Splash Pad Plaza at American Heroes Park with the City matching 25% (\$75,000) from the General fund.

Summary:

Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich recently announced the availability of \$5,000,000 for a competitive grant program in the Fifth Supervisorial District. Projects may consist of improvements to and/or rehabilitation of existing public parks, including infrastructure, community/recreation facilities, and/or development of new small facilities. Priority will be given to projects that serve at-risk youth and seniors. Proposers are strongly encouraged to demonstrate matching funding commitments of at least 25%.

The maximum grant amount is \$300,000 and a Splash Pad Plaza at American Heroes Park fits the criteria for this grant. The project consists of creating a water play area complete with benches and shade shelters. There will be 10 to 12 water features, fountain-like in nature, and interactive for play. The design type will be re-circulating where water is collected, purified and re-used.

As a requirement of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space Grant, the City is required to develop a Youth Employment Plan. In the grant application, it is stated that due to the nature of the work being performed and the skills required on the project, skilled laborers are required to perform the work. Therefore, the Splash Pad Plaza project is not appropriate for a Youth Employment Plan.

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Attachment:

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