

STAFF REPORT
City of Lancaster

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Date: September 8, 2015

To: Mayor Parris and Council Members

From: Brian S. Ludicke, Planning Director

Subject: **Application for Grant Funds from the Recreational Trails Program**

Recommendation:

Adopt **Resolution No. 15-47**, approving the Application for Grant Funds from the Recreational Trails Program for the Amargosa Creek Pathway project.

Background:

The Development Services Department, in cooperation with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, is interested in submitting a grant application to the State Resources Agency under the "Recreational Trails Program". The application requires that the City Council adopt a resolution approving the filing of an application, certifying the project is consistent with the General Plan, certifying the applicant will have available sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project, and appointing the City Manager as agent for the project.

If the application is approved, the City could receive over \$1,000,000.00 towards the construction of a new 1.4-mile Class 1 pedestrian/bicycle pathway. The pathway will start at the existing trailhead at the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds site, cross under the Antelope Valley Freeway (SR-14) bridge to Lake Lancaster. The pathway will continue north to loop around the Lake and back south to connect to the existing pathway at Avenue H and 20th Street West. This project is in conformance with the Master Plan and Design Guidelines for the Amargosa Creek Pathway as approved by the City Council in October, 1996, and November 13, 2001, as well as the Master Plan of Trails and Bikeways approved by the City Council on January 10, 2012.

Preparation of the application is in progress, and will be required to be submitted to the State Resources Agency by September 15, 2015.

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Attachments:

Resolution No. 15-47