



CITY OF POMONA COUNCIL REPORT

March 20, 2017

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Linda Lowry, City Manager

Submitted by: Meg McWade, Public Works Director

Subject: **Adopt a Resolution Approving a Youth Employment Plan Agreement with California Conservation Corps – Pomona Center (CCC) for Work to be Completed on CIP Projects: Esperanza y Alegria Park; Phillips Paw Park; and Ganesha Park – Tree Grove**

OVERVIEW

Recommendation – That the City Council adopt a Resolution:

1. Approving a Youth Employment Plan Agreement (Sponsor Agreement) with California Conservation Corps – Pomona Center (CCC) for work to be completed on Esperanza y Alegria Park (formerly Angela/Chanslor – New Pocket Park), Project No. 428-2590-xxxxx-71029; Phillips Paw Park (formerly Phillips Ranch Park – Dog Park), Project No. 428-2590-xxxxx-71033; and Ganesha Park–Tree Grove, Project No. 428-2590-xxxxx-71034; and
2. Authorizing the City Manager to sign the Sponsor Agreement (CCC-96) in substantially the form submitted, subject to review by the City Attorney.

Fiscal Impact – The payment for services provided by CCC will be taken out of existing funding for each of the park projects listed. There may potentially be some project cost savings from using CCC, as their rates will generally be lower than a contractor who would perform the same work.

Previous Related Action – On January 26, 2015, the City Council approved the application for grant funds from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (LACRPOSD) in the amount of \$500,000 and a Youth Employment Plan for the Pomona City Parks General Improvements Project. On June 15, 2015, the City Council amended the FY 14-15 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) by creating new CIP Projects for various park improvements, accepting \$500,000 in grant funds from the LACRPOSD, and appropriating \$109,000 in Park Dwelling Tax. On May 16, 2016, City Council appropriated \$215,000 from the General Fund to Angela/Chanslor-New Pocket Park and re-appropriated \$250,298 of Series “W” Bonds – District 5 from Excess RDA Bond Proceeds Allocation, Project No. 428-2590-xxxxx-71041 to Phillips Ranch Park – Dog Park. On August 1 and September 12, 2016, City Council reviewed the project status report of CIP Projects for the various park improvements

funded by the LACRPOSD and Park Dwelling Tax funds. On December 19, 2016, City Council appropriated an additional \$45,000 of Series “W” Bond Proceeds from Excess RDA Bond Proceeds Allocation to Phillips Ranch Park – Dog Park. On January 9, 2017, City Council approved the name “Esperanza y Alegria Park” for Angela/Chanslor Park and “Phillips Paw Park” for the Phillips Ranch Dog Park. On March 6, 2016, City Council authorized Staff to bid the construction of Phillips Paw Park.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (LACRPOSD) grant requires the City, as a grant recipient, to approve and implement a Youth Employment Plan that will provide job opportunities for at-risk youth, where feasible. There are three grant projects that will provide these opportunities: Esperanza y Alegria Park, Phillips Paw Park, and Ganesha Park Tree Grove. Council approval of the attached agreement will allow City staff to move forward with hiring California Conservation Corps – Pomona Center (CCC) at-risk youth personnel to complete the intended work at the three aforementioned park projects in a timely fashion.

DISCUSSION

On November 18, 2014, the County Board of Supervisors, acting as the Board of Directors for LACRPOSD, approved the allocation of \$500,000 in Excess Funds (County Grant Funds) to the City of Pomona for park improvement projects. Per the County Grant Funds’ requirements, the City shall implement a Youth Employment Plan to complete work on approved projects where project plans and specifications allow. Staff has made a determination that there are three grant funded projects that would provide opportunities for at-risk youth to gain valuable job skills. The three projects are Esperanza y Alegria Park, Phillips Paw Park, and Ganesha Park Tree Grove. Additionally, Staff has worked with the CCC – Pomona Center to ensure the partnership on these projects will be mutually beneficial.

To move forward, Staff has prepared a Youth Employment Plan - Sponsor Agreement (EXHIBIT “A” - Resolution) with the CCC – Pomona Center. It is estimated that the CCC will provide up to 6,450 hours at \$20.00 per hour, with a not-to-exceed amount of \$129,000 for the intended work. The opportunities for job development and hours per project are:

- Esperanza y Alegria Park: 1,800 hours
 - Debris and vegetation clearance
 - Fence removal
- Phillips Paw Park: 3,000 hours
 - Sod removal and irrigation capping/removal
 - Decomposed granite application
- Ganesha Park Tree Grove: 1,650 hours
 - Sod removal
 - Landscape beautification (irrigation, mulch)

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The CCC will only bill for the hours required to complete the work specified in the Agreement. Any work required which exceeds the estimated hours for each project will be completed by the Contractor. Since the CCC provides employment training opportunities, California Labor Code, Section 1720.4(c), specifically exempts the CCC from paying state prevailing wages to CCC members when engaged in public works projects. Furthermore, the CCC is not subject to Federal prevailing wage requirements as set forth in the Davis-Bacon Act (Title 40 USC 276A et seq.), when providing labor on Federal government contracts.

Attachment: Resolution with EXHIBIT "A" - Sponsor Agreement (CCC-96)

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