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# CITY OF POMONA COUNCIL REPORT

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August 5, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Linda Lowry, City Manager

Submitted By: Rene Guerrero, Public Works Director and Benita DeFrank, Neighborhood Services Director

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTIONS APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR PROP. 68 STATEWIDE PARK DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS FOR WASHINGTON PARK AND HAMILTON PARK**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the following resolutions:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-100: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR PROP. 68 STATEWIDE PARK DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS FOR WASHINGTON PARK; and**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-101: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR PROP. 68 STATEWIDE PARK DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS FOR HAMILTON PARK**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:** Adoption of these Resolutions (Attachment Nos. 1 and 2) will allow Staff to apply for grant programs funded by the Prop. 68 Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program through the California Department of Parks and Recreation Office of Grants and Local Services in an amount up to \$8.5 million per park project.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The fiscal impact will be determined by the amount of grant funding awarded. The request is for up to \$8.5 million for each park and would be restricted to improvements specified in the application. It is anticipated that funding will be awarded in December 2019. Should these projects be awarded, the acceptance of the award and a resolution appropriating these funds will be brought forward to City Council at that time.

**PUBLIC NOTICING REQUIREMENTS:** None.

**PREVIOUS RELATED ACTION:** Not applicable. These projects will be the first applications for this program.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:** None.

**DISCUSSION:** The Prop. 68 Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program (SPP) is the largest park-related grant program in California's history and possibly U.S. history, with over \$1 billion in funding between the 2018 Prop. 68 and 2006 Prop. 84 Bond Acts.

The intent of the SPP competitive grants is to create new parks and new recreation opportunities in critically underserved communities across California. Previously, Prop. 84, the 2006 Bond Act, funded two rounds awarding \$368 million to create 100 new parks and improve 20 existing parks throughout California. The current funding from Prop. 68 continues this program's legacy and will distribute \$650,275,000 throughout multiple funding rounds.

The funding must be used for either development or acquisition and development to create a new park, expand an existing park, or renovate an existing park. The maximum grant request allowed per application is \$8.5 million.

Adopting the attached resolutions will allow staff to apply for funding that will provide for needed renovations at Washington Park and Hamilton Park. Key aspects of the proposed renovations at Washington Park include:

- Remodeling of the existing community center,
- Installation of a new indoor basketball court / multipurpose room,
- Installation of a new playground (near the existing baseball diamonds),
- Installation of a new outdoor restroom facility, and
- Parking lot improvements, to the extent funding can support.

Proposed renovations at Hamilton Park include:

- New playground equipment with fencing,
- Energy-efficient solar lighting,
- Renovation and resurfacing of the basketball court,
- Resurfacing and repaving of walkways ensuring ADA compliance,
- Addition of drought-tolerant native landscaping, and
- Possible other amenities to include bathrooms, barbeques, and benches.

**COUNCIL PRIORITIES & GOALS:** This item supports the 2019-2020 City Council Priority 4: Infrastructure – Goal O, Step 4 – Prepare and submit application by August 2019 for Prop. 68 grant funds for improvements at Washington Park.

Prepared by:

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment No. 1 – Resolution No. 2019-100: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Pomona, California, Approving the Application for Prop. 68 Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Grant Funds for Washington Park

Attachment No. 2 – Resolution No. 2019-101: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Pomona, California, Approving the Application for Prop. 68 Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Grant Funds for Hamilton Park