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# CITY OF POMONA COUNCIL REPORT

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January 6, 2020

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Linda Lowry, City Manager

Submitted by: Rene Guerrero, Public Works Director

Subject: **AMENDMENT OF THE FY 2019-20 OPERATING BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING \$307,000 OF LOS ANGELES REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE GRANT FUNDS TO TREE PLANTING PROJECTS IN THE NORTHSIDE AND SOUTHSIDE STUDY AREAS**

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-04 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA AMENDING THE FY 2019-20 OPERATING BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING \$307,000 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT GRANT FUNDS TO TREE PLANTING PROJECTS IN THE NORTHSIDE AND SOUTHSIDE STUDY AREAS**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:** Approval of the budget amendment resolution stated above will authorize receipt and appropriation of Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (LACRPOSD) funding in the amount of \$307,000 for tree planting, with funding awards based on the geographic study areas defined in the Los Angeles Countywide Comprehensive Needs Assessment.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Approving Resolution No. 2020-04 (Attachment 1) will amend the FY 2019-20 Operating Budget by appropriating \$153,500 in LACRPOSD funding to the “Northside Study Area Tree Planting Project” Fund 215-2506-XXXXXX-58672 and appropriating \$153,500 to the “Southside Study Area Tree Planting Project” Fund 215-2506-XXXXXX-58673. Approval of this action will result in an additional appropriation of the remaining balance of the grant not including during the FY 2019-20 budgeting process.

**PREVIOUS RELATED ACTION:** On August 1, 2016, the City Council approved a resolution authorizing the submittal of two grant applications to LACRPOSD for the FY 2016-17 Competitive Excess Funds Tree Planting Grant Program for a maximum grant award of up to \$200,000 per application. On May 1, 2017, the City Council adopted two resolutions accepting

and receiving the two LACRPOSD grants for a total of \$400,000 with \$200,000 being awarded to the “Northside Study Area Tree Planting Project” and \$200,000 being awarded to the “Southside Study Area Tree Planting Project.” This action also authorized the City Manager to execute all agreements and documents related to the Tree Planting Grant Programs, including agreements with the California Conservation Corps – Pomona Center (CCC) and the San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps (SGVCC).

**DISCUSSION:** In August 2016, Staff submitted two grant applications to LACRPOSD for the FY 2016-17 Competitive Excess Funds Tree Planting Grant Program based on the Study Areas defined in the Los Angeles Countywide Comprehensive Needs Assessment. The Northside Study Area includes Districts 1, 4, and 6. The Southside Study Area includes Districts 2, 3, and 5. In 2017, the City received notification that each grant application was approved for \$200,000. The grants provide funding for tree planting and required maintenance with expenditures allowed through the grant period ending December 31, 2021. At the conclusion of the grant, the City will take over the responsibility of maintaining the trees. The grant funds will be used to purchase and plant trees predominantly in locations where trees have been removed due to age and/or disease, such as parks, parkways, street medians, and sidewalks. The goal of the City is to plant at least 490 trees distributed evenly among the Council Districts.

The grant requires that the City partner with local agencies who work with at-risk youth, specifically the CCC and the SGVCC. Once the money has been appropriated to Northside and Southside Study Area Project funds, the City will enter into contracts with the CCC to plant and maintain trees in the Northside Study Area and for the SGVCC to plant and maintain trees in the Southside Study Area.

In FY 2019-20 Staff did not anticipate the planting of all of the trees for this grant, and, therefore, only \$46,500 was budgeted in expenditures in each project area. However, Staff has determined that all of the trees can be planted in this fiscal year, and therefore, expenditures estimates need to be adjusted accordingly to equal \$200,000 per project area.

**COUNCIL PRIORITIES & GOALS:** This action supports City Council Goal O – Improve parks facilities in the following general order of priority: 1) ensuring that existing amenities are functioning; 2) rehabilitating bathrooms and other park facilities; 3) adding trees; 4) improving ADA accessibility of all park facilities and equipment; 5) adding new bathrooms; and 6) adding additional recreation and playground equipment.

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