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# CITY OF POMONA COUNCIL REPORT

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May 18, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Anita D. Scott, City Manager

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**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO LA2050**

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council authorize City staff to pursue an LA2050 funding opportunity to improve the growth and development of youth ages 7 -17.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The LA2050 Grants Challenge is an open call for ideas to make Los Angeles County the best place to connect, create, learn, live, and play. During a voting period, more than 110,000 votes were cast by more than 17,000 LA County residents about what issues matter to them most. The City underwent an organization screening and was invited to submit a funding proposal for a project aligned with one or more of this year's eligible issue areas.

## **SB1439/GOVERNMENT CODE §84308 APPLICABILITY:**

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## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact in submitting a grant application. There is no grant match requirement.

## **DISCUSSION:**

LA2050 is a community-guided initiative driving and tracking progress toward a shared vision for the future of Los Angeles. LA2050 was launched in 2011 by the Goldhirsh Foundation to inspire civic activism by engaging tens of thousands of LA County residents and input of academic and advocacy experts in outlining five goals to make Los Angeles the best place to connect, create, learn, live, and play. The LA2050 Grants Challenge supports organizations working to make progress on those five goals.

The 2026 Grants challenge began with an organization screening. Next, LA County residents had the opportunity to vote on the issues that matter most to them and determine the areas eligible for funding. During the course of public voting, LA2050 received more than 110,000 votes from more than 17,000 voters. The City was selected through the screening process and was invited to submit a funding proposal for a specific program, project, or initiative aligned with the top-voted issues. Community Services staff reviewed LA2050's top issues and determined that green space, park access, trees, community safety, K-12 STEAM education, and youth economic advancement are in alignment with the department's goals.

Approval of this action will allow staff to submit a grant application to LA2050 by June 5, 2026. The total funding available is \$3,000,000. The maximum request is \$75,000 and there is no grant match. The grant period is 12 months, and award announcements are expected October 2026. If awarded, the project must be completed by September 30, 2027.

## **COUNCIL PRIORITIES & GOALS:**

This item supports the 2021-2022 City Council Priority 1: Fiscal and Operational Responsibility – Goal C: Obtain additional grant funding and other revenues to help achieve City goals and Priority 4: Safe and Clean Community – Goal M: Improve safety and cleanliness at parks and public spaces.

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