

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

TO: City Council

FROM: City Manager
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SUBJECT: Authorization for the Submission of an Application to Strategic Growth Council Community Resilience Centers Program Project Development Grant and Acceptance of Award

Description:

The City Council will consider approving the submission of a Project Development Grant application to the Strategic Growth Council Community Resilience Centers Program and acceptance of an award in the amount of \$500,000 to \$5 Million for Minami Community Center upgrades.

Environmental Notice: The Project qualifies for a Class 1 Categorical Exemption pursuant to Section 15301 – Existing facilities (operation, repair, maintenance, leasing, etc.) of the California Environmental Quality Act State Guidelines because the scope of work to be conducted is an existing public facility with negligible expansion of the existing uses.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution approving the submission of an application to the Strategic Growth Council Community Resilience Centers Program Project Development Grant for award funding amount of \$500,000 to \$5 Million and acceptance of award.

BACKGROUND:

The California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) is a ten-member council comprised of seven state agencies and three public members. SGC's mission is to build healthy, thriving, and resilient communities for all. Funded through California's Cap and Trade system and the California General Fund, SGC's grant programs, strategic initiatives, and interagency coordination focus on multi-benefit and community-centric solutions at the nexus of climate and equity. Since 2008, SGC has invested over \$2 billion in projects strengthening communities and addressing climate change.

DISCUSSION:

SGC provides grant funding to a number of programs benefiting public health, affordable housing, and climate change. The SGC Community Resilience Centers Program (CRC) grants fund new construction and upgrades of neighborhood-level Resilience Centers to provide shelter and resources during emergencies, as well as year-round programming and services that build community resilience.

The Department of Public Works in coordination with the Recreation and Parks Department, has identified the Minami Community Center upgrades and renovations for this grant funding. The Minami Community Center features two multi-functional rooms, a large assembly, and a studio room. The center, located in Adam Park, is host to popular recreational programs and an open gym. Minami Community Center is a safe space for youth and adults to stay active through recreational sports and doubles as a resource center for City emergency situations.

Should the City receive an award the Minami Community Center would undergo design and project development in order to apply for the implementation phase of this Grant program in the next cycle. Potential upgrades would include improvements and upgrades to: ADA issues in the parking lot and around the building, parking lot asphalt, lighting, and drainage, drought resilient landscaping, flooring (including in gym), HVAC, roof (upper and lower), showers, bathrooms, seismic studies/retrofits, back-up generator/ electrical system, e-vehicle parking, fire sprinklers, paint, walls, ceilings, kitchen, and bus access and bus stop/pullout.

Alternative(s)

Deny authorization to apply for the Strategic Growth Council Community Resilience Centers Program Project Development Grant. The City Council could choose to deny applying for this grant. Staff does not recommend this action as it could forgo an award amount in the amount of \$500,000 to \$5 Million in revenue.

Fiscal Considerations

The primary goal of this grant application is to provide funding assistance for Minami Community Center renovations and upgrades. No new funding is being requested for the Minami Community Center in FY 2024.

The City has the potential to receive a grant award within a range from \$500,000 to \$5 Million. Should the City be awarded any amount of the CRC grant all funding will be used for proposed retrofits and upgrades to the Minami Community Center. A budget amendment request will be completed requesting appropriation of the awarded funds should the City's application be selected.

Other Agency Review

Should the City's grant application be accepted and awarded by SGC, a separate Council Agenda Report and Resolution by the City Council will be required for the grant award.

Impact to the Community

Replacing the existing infrastructure, appurtenances, and aesthetics with new ones will help improve the Minami Community Center's structural integrity, and appearance, and will have a positive impact on community members. Additionally, individuals will be sheltered here during stressful situations, and structural, functional, and aesthetic improvements throughout the Minami Community Center would portray and promote a comforting and secure environment for community members. These improvements will

not only address the physical needs of our community but also contribute to their mental and emotional well-being.