



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STAFF REPORT

DATE: June 7, 2017

TO: Mayor and City Council

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SUBJECT: Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Calexico approving submittal of application for grant funds for the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation (EEM) Program.

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Recommendation:

Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Calexico approving submittal of application for grant funds for the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation (EEM) Program.

Background:

The City of Calexico is aggressively seeking grant funding to assist with improving infrastructure and public spaces. The California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA), through their Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program, is accepting applications for grant funding for projects that mitigate environmental effects of transportation facilities.

With the expansion project on Highway 98 and the anticipated expansion project on Cesar Chavez Blvd, Heber Park would be an ideal site to mitigate, directly or indirectly, the environmental impacts of the modification of the existing Transportation Facility (expansion of existing Hwy 98 and Cesar Chavez Blvd).

Discussion & Analysis

If the City Council adopts the attached Resolution, the City of Calexico will be preparing an application to submit for \$500,000 to plant high GHG retentive species of native trees and plants in the existing Heber Park and a portion of the former armory space, while still leaving land available for a future sports field (separate grant application pending at a future date) at the former armory location. This would make Heber Park both an active park, with a field, exercise equipment and playground, as well as a passive park with tree canopies, pathways and space for community gatherings.

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As part of the EEM application process, the attached resolution is required to be adopted by the City Council in order to be considered for funding.

Fiscal Impact:

\$500,000 grant if awarded

Coordinated With:

None.

Attachment:

1. Resolution

Resolution No: _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALEXICO
APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR
THE ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT AND MITIGATION (EEM) PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have enacted Section 164.56 of the California Streets And Highways Code, which is intended to provide grant funds to local, state and federal agencies and nonprofit entities for projects to enhance and mitigate the environmental impacts of modified or new public transportation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the California Natural Resources Agency has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of this grant program, establishing necessary procedures and criteria, and is required to submit to the California Transportation Commission a list of recommended projects from which the grant recipients will be selected; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the California Natural Resources Agency require a resolution certifying the approval of an application by the Applicants governing board before submission of said application to the State; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the Project

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Calexico City Council

1. Approves the filing of an application for the Heber Park Project; and
2. Certifies that Applicant understands the requirements in the Program Guidelines;
3. Certifies that Applicant or title holder will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project consistent with the land tenure requirements; or will secure the resources to do so; and
4. Certifies that Applicant will record a document against the real property that defines the State's interest in the property whether the Grantee owns the property or not; and
5. Certifies that Applicant will comply with the provisions of Section 1771.5 of the State Labor Code regarding payment of prevailing wages on Projects awarded EEM Program Funds; and
6. If applicable, certifies that the project will comply with any laws and regulations including, but not limited to, legal requirements for building codes, health and safety codes, disabled access laws, environmental laws and, that prior to commencement of construction, all applicable licenses and permits will have been obtained; and
7. Certifies that Applicant will work towards the Governor's State Planning Priorities intended to promote equity, strengthen the economy, protect the environment, and promote public health and safety as included in Government Code Section 65041.1; and
8. Appoints the City Manager, or his/her designee, as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, payment requests etc., which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.