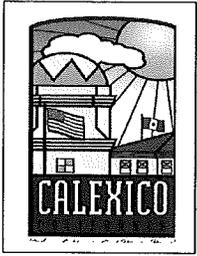


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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STAFF REPORT

DATE: November 1, 2017

TO: Mayor and City Council

APPROVED BY: Armando G Villa, City Manager 

PREPARED BY: Armando G Villa, City Manager

SUBJECT: Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Calexico Approving Submittal of Application for Outdoor Environmental Education Facilities (OEEF) Grant Funds

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Recommendation:

Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Calexico approving the application for Outdoor Environmental Education Facilities (OEEF) grant funds.

Background:

The City of Calexico is aggressively seeking grant funding to assist with improving infrastructure and public spaces. The California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) Department of Parks and Recreation is accepting applications for Outdoor Environmental Education Facilities grant funding for the development of projects that promote focused learning in an outdoor setting, with native vegetation and inspire environmental stewardship and an appreciation of the natural world as well as an understanding of how humans interact with and are dependent on natural ecosystems.

The City Council previously approved a grant application for Heber Park to provide a tree canopy and native plants to the currently developed and underutilized portion of the park. The current grant application focuses on complementing that plan by creating nature trails with additional native plants as well as educational signs and/or small kiosks with information on the native plant life. The undeveloped portion of Heber Park (old armory site and street) would still be available for future sports field use. Additional grants will be pursued to develop that area. The overall plan is to make Heber Park both an active park, with sports fields, exercise equipment and playground, as well as a passive park with tree canopies, pathways and space for community gatherings.

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Discussion & Analysis

The City Manager's office submitted the OEEF grant application in the amount of \$500,000 for consideration of award on September 1, 2017. As part of the OEEF 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. Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Calexico approving submittal of application for Outdoor Environmental Education Facilities (OEEF) grant funds.

RESOLUTION NO: _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALEXICO APPROVING
THE APPLICATION FOR OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FACILITIES
GRANT FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility by the Legislature of the State of California for the administration of the Outdoor Environmental Education Facilities Grant Program, setting up necessary procedures governing the application; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the Applicant to certify by resolution the approval of the application before submission of said application to the State; and

WHEREAS, successful Applicants will enter into a contract with the State of California to complete the Grant Scope project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Calexico hereby:

Approves the filing of an application for the Heber Park Educational Walking Trail; and

1. Certifies that said Applicant has or will have available, prior to commencement of any work on the project included in this application, the sufficient funds to complete the project; and
2. Certifies that if the project is awarded, the Applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project, and
3. Certifies that the Applicant has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the contract shown in the Grant Administration Guide; and
4. Delegates the authority to the City Manager to conduct all negotiations, sign and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the Grant Scope; and
5. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and guidelines.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 1ST day of October, 2017.

Maritza Hurtado, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gabriela T. Garcia, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Carlos L. Campos, Interim City Attorney

State of California)
County of Imperial) ss.
City of Calexico)

I, Gabriela T. Garcia, City Clerk of the City of Calexico, California, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Resolution No. 2017-_____ was duly passed, approved and adopted by the City Council at its regular meeting held on the 1st day of October, 2017, by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:

Gabriela T. Garcia, City Clerk