



AGENCY: City Council
MEETING DATE: November 9, 2020
DEPARTMENT: City Manager
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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

TITLE:

Receive Report and Consider Approval of a Letter of Support for Mendocino Coast Sports Foundation Grant Application

ISSUE:

The Mendocino Coast Sports Foundation is applying for a Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program of 2018 (Proposition 68) Grant to upgrade Timberwolf Stadium. The project includes creating an all-weather stadium to offset the impact of the more than 60 inches of rain we normally would receive in a year. The stadium's new features will include LED lighting, an all-weather track, an all-weather field, a family bathroom and new landscaping. The stadium will be more usable, user-friendly and accessible to the entire community. This project is shovel ready and is the completion of over twenty years of community meetings, participation and dedication.

The Mendocino Coast Sports Foundation has requested a letter in support of their grant application from City Council.

ANALYSIS:

Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program (SPP) has created and improved over 7,400 parks since 1965. The SPP offers competitive grants to create new parks and new recreation opportunities in critically underserved communities across California. Through Prop 68 funding, over \$650M will be distributed through multiple funding rounds.

The SPP Application Guide states that California cities are eligible to apply for funding to create a new park, expand an existing park, or renovate an existing park. Examples of eligible activities include amphitheater/performing arts stages, picnic/barbecue areas, playgrounds, and shade structures. The grant will fund projects at a minimum of \$200,000 and a maximum of \$8.5M. Design, plan and specification development, and permits are eligible pre-construction costs (up to 25% of the total grant), meaning that projects do not have to be "shovel ready" for eligibility, and the costs to get a project ready for construction would be covered by the grant. Under the current Round 3, \$395M is available.

The City also intends to reapply for funding for Phase 2 improvements to Bainbridge Park. The City was not successful in the prior round.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the proposed letter of support for the Mendocino Coast Sports Foundation Timberwolf Stadium.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

1. Do not approve the letter of support.
2. Direct staff to modify the letter of support.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the City to provide the letter of support to the Mendocino Coast Sports Foundation. If the grant application is successful, the funds would benefit the community not only in the improvements to the stadium but when the funds are spent locally. There is a remote chance that the City's Bainbridge Park application could directly compete with the Mendocino Coast Sports Foundation's Stadium project. However, both projects are beneficial to the City and the majority of the community would welcome one or both of these improvements to our community assets.

GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACT:

There is no impact on greenhouse gas emissions from providing the letter of support. If successful, construction of the improvements would temporarily increase greenhouse gas emissions.

CONSISTENCY:

Improvements to the Timberwolf Stadium would be consistent with the following General Plan policies:

- **Policy OS-9.3:** Recreational Facilities: Provide recreational facilities to meet the needs of all Fort Bragg citizens, especially children and teenagers.
- **Program OS-9.3.1:** Consider teen recreation needs when planning new or redesigned parks.
- **Goal OS-10:** Develop park and recreation facilities with the coordination of other agencies and the public.
- **Policy OS-10.4:** Public Participation: Actively solicit public participation in the selection, design, and facilities planning for existing and future park sites.

IMPLEMENTATION/TIMEFRAMES:

Mendocino Coast Sports Foundation has requested the letter by November 15, 2020 for timely submission of their application.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Letter of Support

NOTIFICATION:

1. Merlyn Larson
2. Nancy Bennett