



City of Huntington Beach

File #: 19-950

MEETING DATE: 9/16/2019

REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

SUBMITTED TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

SUBMITTED BY: Dave Kiff, Interim City Manager

PREPARED BY: Antonia Graham, Assistant to the City Manager

Subject:

Adopt Resolution No. 2019-58 approving application(s) for specified Grant Funds and appropriate \$1.7 million from the State Department of Parks and Recreation for the Rehabilitation of the Blufftop Path

Statement of Issue:

In 2018, City staff began working with Assembly Member Cottie Petrie-Norris' office on a budget request to fund the rehabilitation of the Blufftop Path. The City had previously submitted this project as a grant application through the Active Transportation Program, but was unsuccessful in receiving grant funds. This Council Action is a requirement from the State Parks and Recreation Department and the City cannot receive funds until a Resolution has been adopted by the City Council.

Financial Impact:

This budget request from the State of California does not require the City to expend any matching funds and will be used solely for the rehabilitation of the Blufftop Path.

Recommended Action:

A) Adopt Resolution No. 2019-58, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Approving Application(s) for Specified Grant Funds;" and,

B) Appropriate \$1.7 million upon receipt of Specified Grant Funds from the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Alternative Action(s):

Do not adopt the Resolution and decline the funds from the State Parks and Recreation Department.

Analysis:

In 2018, City staff along with the City's State Advocate Townsend Public Affairs began working with Assembly Member Cottie Petrie-Norris to obtain funding for the Blufftop Path. The project was submitted twice for consideration to the Department of Transportation for funding through the Active Transportation Program but never successful in obtaining funding.

Through the State's budget, process the City has been allocated \$1.7 million to improve facilities along a portion of the existing multi-use path (known as the Blufftop Path). The project is expected to include substantial improvements to the path, pedestrian facilities, landscaping and safety railing along the path and the area leading up to it between 6th Street and Seapoint Street. The improvements are expected to enhance overall capacity and safety of the path and adjacent areas for users along with addressing key landscaping and turf issues near the path. The Blufftop Path is part of the City's and State's coastal multi-use trail system and connects with the Santa Ana River Trail and San Gabriel River Trail.

Staff will work with the Department of Parks and Recreation to submit a grant application and agreement to formally accept the budgeted funds. There is no matching requirement.

Environmental Status:

Staff has reviewed the subject request and determined it to be categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15306 because the project involves information collection, which does not result in a major disturbance to an environmental resource.

Strategic Plan Goal:

Enhance and maintain infrastructure

Attachment(s):

1. Resolution No. 2019-58, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Approving Application(s) for Specified Grant Funds"