



NEWPORT BEACH

City Council Staff Report

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Agenda Item No. 4

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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TITLE: Resolution No. 2026-20: Authorizing Acceptance of Grant Agreement C8970324 Between the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Boating and Waterways and the City of Newport Beach

ABSTRACT:

The Recreation and Senior Services Department applied for a State of California Division of Boating and Waterways (State DBW) grant to fund the purchase of refurbishment items, replacement equipment and scholarships for the Marina Park Boating Program. These funds are made available for boating safety education efforts through the aquatic grants program in support of organizations that offer “on the water” education to the public. The State DBW has approved the City of Newport Beach's (City) grant application in the amount of \$51,000, which requires City Council authorization and acceptance of the grant terms and conditions.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a) Determine this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because this action will not result in a physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly;
- b) Adopt Resolution No. 2026-20, *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, Authorizing Acceptance of Grant Agreement C8970324 Between the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Boating and Waterways and the City of Newport Beach for Reimbursement of Costs Associated with Replacement Equipment, Refurbishment Items, and Scholarships for the Marina Park Boating Program;*
- c) Authorize the City Manager to sign and execute the Grant Agreement and subsequent related documents as may be related to the reimbursement of the cost for the adaptive sailing and youth programming scholarships, and replacement/refurbishment items for the Marina Park Boating Program; and
- d) Approve Budget Amendment No. 26-067, recognizing \$51,000 in new grant revenue from the State of California Division of Boating and Waterways in the Marina Park

Sailing account (0107023-561086-G2602), and appropriating expenditures in the same amount to the Marina Park Equipment NOC account (0107023-911024-G2602).

DISCUSSION:

The City has operated the Marina Park boating program since 2015, providing a wide variety of sailing classes, private lessons and equipment rentals to the community. Orange Coast College (OCC), the program's contractor, provides instruction for all City sailing classes and camps and uses the City's fleet to conduct programs at Marina Park. This past year, the City and OCC developed an adaptive sailing program to promote accessibility on the water for individuals with disabilities.

The City's sailboat fleet ranges from one-person dinghies that appeal to youth, to bigger keelboats that are more comfortable for some adults. In addition to sailboat rentals, the City also offers stand-up paddle board and kayak rentals. The entire Marina Park boating program emphasizes safety education to the public and relies on the City's fleet of sailboats and paddle equipment to operate. Maintenance, improvements and replacement of equipment is crucial to maximizing the growth and longevity of the program and ensuring the safety of all participants.

In this year's grant, the State DBW approved multiple replacement and refurbishment items, as well as scholarships to support the City's adaptive sailing and ACE After School Sailing programs. The replacement/refurbishment items include new "standing" rigging, mast step beams and seats for the RS Quests, new sails and bow fenders for the J22s, new SUP paddles, a new engine cowling for a coach boat, as well as new "Candock" cubes to replace some of the existing modular docking.

Pending the City Council's approval of the grant, the State DBW is prepared to execute the agreement so that all sailing equipment and replacement items may be ordered and purchased. As stated in the grant agreement, the State DBW will reimburse the City \$51,000 for the cost of these items once the grant is executed and the items are purchased.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The budget amendment recognizes \$51,000 in new grant revenue from the State DBW and \$51,000 in increased expenditure appropriations. The revenue will be posted to the Marina Park Community Center account in the Recreation and Senior Services Department, 0107023-561086-G2602, and expenditure appropriations increased in Marina Park Community Center — Equipment NOC account in the Recreation and Senior Services Department, 0107023-911024-G2602.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

Staff recommends the City Council find this action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment)

and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.

NOTICING:

The agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the City Council considers the item).

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – Resolution No. 2026-20 & Grant Agreement C8970324

Attachment B – Budget Amendment No 26-067