

TO Newport Beach City Arts Commission

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TITLE: Sculpture Exhibition in Civic Center Park – Local Assistance Specified Grant

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Arts Commission:

1. Approve a proposal to use Local Assisted Specified Grant Funds to fund Phases V and VI of the Sculpture Exhibition in Civic Center Park and for infrastructural improvements to Civic Center Park.
2. Request City Council to adopt a Resolution authorizing the Library Services Director to apply for the California State Parks' Local Assistance Specified Grant for \$500,000 for the Sculpture Exhibition in Civic Center Park.

DISCUSSION:

In April 2019, Chair Arlene Greer met with California State Assemblywoman Cottie Petrie-Norris in order to request grant funding for the Sculpture Exhibition in Civic Center Park.

Consequently, in June 2019, the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation approved the City of Newport Beach for Local Assistance Specified Grant Funding for \$500,000 for the Sculpture Exhibition in Civic Center Park. The Fiscal Year 2019-20 California State Budget appropriates this specified grant.

The Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS) of the California Department of Parks and Recreation develops and administers grant programs that provide funding for local, state, and nonprofit organization projects. Grant projects generally address park, recreation and resources related needs.

City staff met with representatives from OGALS on August 13, 2019. OGALS determined that the Sculpture Exhibition in Civic Center Park is an appropriate use of grant funds. In order to receive the grant funding, OGALS requires the Newport Beach City Council to pass a resolution approving the filing of all applications associated with the contract. OGALS will then send a contract to the City upon receipt of the resolution. The City's authorized representative signs and returns the contract to OGALS. OGALS then signs and returns the fully executed contract to the City.

The timeline to submit a grant application is the following:

- Grantee submits an adopted resolution to OGALS by November 1, 2019;
- The application must be submitted to OGALS by January 31, 2020; and
- The OGALS contract must be signed and submitted back to OGALS by March 31, 2020; and
- The grant funds must be expended by June 30, 2022

Staff proposes that the grant funding be used to fund Phase V and Phase VI of the Sculpture Exhibition in Civic Center Park at \$150,000 per phase, including project management, installation/de-installation, and educational programming. This funding source will entirely offset the \$135,000 allocated by City Council per phase and will reduce the City's contributions for Phase V and VI by \$270,000. An additional \$15,000 per phase can be utilized for educational programming focused on children.

The remaining funds (\$200,000) can be used to replace the path that winds through the park. This infrastructural upgrade will enhance the visitor experience in the park for years to come and facilitate the installation of larger pieces on a pathway that can support their weight.

NOTICING:

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