



approved Resolution is required before the application will be accepted. The maximum Grant award is \$5 million with no match requirement.

Activities planned in conjunction with this Grant application are consistent with the City's approved Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, adopted in 2018 and currently being updated. Work contemplated under this grant application are also generally consistent with the Santa Ana River Working Group Final Report adopted by the City Council on February 1, 2022.

Parks, Recreation, and Community Services is partnering with the Fire Department and Police Department's Public Safety Engagement Team in coordinating these efforts with other staff. Staff is working to finalize an agreement with a grant writer from the City's approved panel to assist with the application process at the cost of approximately \$10,000. This Grant is due for submission by no later than March 15, 2023.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

This item supports **Strategic Priority 4 – Environmental Stewardship** and **Goal 4.5 - Maintain and conserve 30% of Riverside's natural lands in green space, including, but not limited to, agricultural lands and urban forests to protect and restore Riverside's rich biodiversity and accelerate the natural removal of carbon, furthering our community's climate resilience.**

This item aligns with each of the Cross-Cutting Threads as follows:

1. **Community Trust** – Management of the City's urban wildland interface benefits all city residents, businesses, and visitors by helping to remove gaseous air pollutants and sequestering carbon.
2. **Equity** – Approval of this action (and subsequent grant award) will benefit all who live in or travel through the City.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – Maintaining City owned landscapes and their infrastructure supports Parks, Recreation, and Community Services' efforts to minimize inefficiencies and maximize reliability.
4. **Innovation** – Parks, Recreation, and Community Services' is focused on implementing the newest technologies that allow us to maximize our sustainability efforts.
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** – Parks, Recreation, and Community Services values the need for sustainability and resiliency with fulfilling the current operational needs by utilizing resources, such as applying for available grants, that will provide the tools needed for long-term planning and guidance to benefit future generations by having advanced technologies, policies, and procedures in place to help in the advancement of the urban forest.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

If awarded, the ultimate fiscal impact of this report is approximately \$5 million, or the actual award amount. If successful and after receiving a grant award, the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department will return to City Council to appropriate the grant award and establish project accounts.

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Attachment: A – Resolution  
B - Map

### Attachment – B Primary Project Area Map

