



NORTHSIDE HERITAGE MEADOWS URBAN GREENING GRANT

**Community & Economic
Development Department**

City Council
May 14, 2019

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BACKGROUND

1. Northside Heritage Meadows Urban Greening Grant application seeking \$3,937,069;
2. On September 4, 2018 City Council adopted Resolution No. 23360, approving the filing of an application for the Northside Heritage Meadows Project;
3. Awarded \$3,000,000 in November 2018; and
4. Execution of grant agreement by City Manager's Office in April 2019.



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DISCUSSION

1. Reduced project scope with \$3,000,000 grant funds:
 - a. Property acquisition of 895 and 900 Clark Street (APNs 246-230-020 and 246-242-011);
 - b. Site preparation;
 - c. Install additional water and utility infrastructure;
 - d. Plant 453 trees and shrubs, and irrigation;
 - e. Construct two trails, the Riverside Canal Trail and an interpretive Nature Trail, totaling approximately 0.5 mile;
 - f. Construct a 24-plot community garden;
 - g. Install project signage, include funding acknowledgement, and site fencing; and
 - h. Conduct ongoing community engagement and outreach. 3



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DISCUSSION (CONT.)

2. Grant cash match from the Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG):
 - a. Grant proceeds from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that may be used to fund economic development projects in distressed areas for planning, operation and administration expenses, acquisition, construction, and installation of facilities and site improvements; and
 - b. Demolish existing structure and replace with a new approximately 2,000 square feet pre-fabricated modular single story co-work learning center; install an outdoor pavilion for community events, irrigation infrastructure and 20-space parking lot; and site development fees.



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DISCUSSION (CONT.)

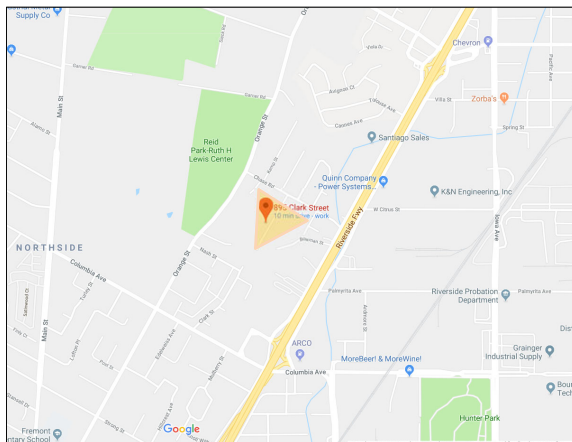
3. Additional matching funds from Community & Economic Development account number 9878200-421000 for due diligence and acquisition costs for transfer of two Canal parcels (APNs 246-220-011 and 246-230-013) from Riverside Public Utilities to Community & Economic Development, upon future approval from RPU Board and City Council;
4. Categorical exemption from CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3), Article 5 of the California Environmental Quality Act;
5. Existing septic plumbing, but potential sewer infrastructure connection.



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DISCUSSION (CONT.)



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FISCAL IMPACT

1. Urban Greening Grant is a reimbursement grant allocated into three categories:
 - a. Land acquisition and related expenditures
 - b. Construction
 - c. Project management
2. Cash match from City of Riverside totals \$563,640.



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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council:

1. Accept \$3,000,000, from the 2018 Urban Greening Grant award from the California Natural Resources Agency, for the Northside Heritage Meadows Urban Greening Grant Project;
2. Authorize an increase in estimated revenues in the amount of \$3,000,000 to account number 9339100-334100, and appropriate expenditures in the same amount as follows: \$1,802,280 to Acquisition account 9339110-440210; \$1,037,128 to Construction account 9339120-440210; and \$160,592 to Project Management account 92339130-440120;



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RECOMMENDATIONS (CONT.)

3. Authorize a funds transfer in the amount \$538,640 from the Urban Development Activities Grant (UDAG) Program Income account 2870000-453001 to account 9339140-440120 to cover cash matching funds of \$538,640 for the acquisition and installation of a prefabricated modular single story co-work learning center unit, demolition of an existing structure, construction of an outdoor pavilion, and construction of parking facilities for the Northside Heritage Meadows Urban Greening Grant project;



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RECOMMENDATIONS (CONT.)

4. Authorize up to \$25,000 from Community & Economic Development account 9878200-421000 to pay for acquisition and due diligence costs including phase 1 environmental assessment fees necessary to transfer management of two Riverside Public Utilities Canal parcels to the Community & Economic Development; and
5. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to conduct all negotiations including real property acquisitions, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the Northside Heritage Meadows Project.



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