

City Council Memorandum

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: APRIL 6, 2021

- FROM: PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY **WARDS: 1, 4 AND 5** SERVICES DEPARTMENT
- APPLICATION TO THE AARP COMMUNITY CHALLENGE GRANT PROGRAM SUBJECT: FOR PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF SWIMMING POOL HEATERS AND POOL REFURBISHMENT AT HUNT, REID, AND VILLEGAS PARKS IN THE **APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$750,000 – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION**

ISSUE:

Approve the submittal of an application to the AARP (formerly named the American Association of Retired Persons) Community Challenge grant program for purchase and installation of swimming pool heaters and pool refurbishment at Hunt, Reid, and Villegas Parks in the approximate amount of \$750,000.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

- 1. Approve the submittal of an application to the AARP Community Challenge grant program for purchase and installation of swimming pool heaters and pool refurbishment at Hunt, Reid and Villegas Parks in the approximate amount of \$750,000;
- 2. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to accept the grant award, including amounts lesser or greater than the amount applied for, and to execute all grant documents, including making minor and non-substantive changes to documents associated with the grant; and
- 3. With at least five affirmative votes, authorize the Chief Financial Officer, or his designee, to record an increase in revenues and a supplemental appropriation in expenditures in the Grants and Restricted Program Fund in an amount equal to the grant award following receipt of the grant award,

BACKGROUND:

Between March 18 and April 19, 2018, the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department (PRCSD) hosted seven workshops in locations across the City to gain community input for preparation of the 2020 Comprehensive Parks, Recreation and Community Services Master Plan. One of the most commonly requested facilities was heated pools.

Between April 18 and May 8, 2018, an online survey was released to gain community input for preparation of the 2020 Comprehensive Parks, Recreation and Community Services Master Plan. Heated swimming pools was the most desired recreational facility.

DISCUSSION:

Residents have access to seven City managed swimming pools. Currently, only the pools at Bobby Bonds and Shamel Parks are heated, and those pools are already heavily programmed. Having only two heated pools limits pool-based programming and recreational activities to warmer seasons. By adding heaters to the pools at Reid, Hunt, and Villegas, the City could expand pool programming to better serve the community. All three pools are also in need of refurbishment, including re-plastering, to ensure they are in good and safe condition to support increased usage, should the opportunity arise to expand pool-based programming.

The AARP Community Challenge grant program helps communities become great places to live for residents of all ages. The program is part of AARP's Livable Communities initiative. Adding heaters and refurbishing three public pools will contribute to the community's quality of life, and equitable distribution of services by increasing programming and recreational opportunities that improve health and wellness and by increasing social connections between community members throughout the City.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The estimated fiscal impact of the action is an increase of revenue and a supplemental appropriation in the amount of approximately \$750,000 to the Grants and Restricted Program Fund AARP Swimming Pool Heater account 9918600. The estimated project costs include labor and materials. Matching funds are not required for this grant. The grant funds are anticipated to be allocated to City swimming pools as followed:

Park	Project Cost	City Funds	Grant Amount
Hunt Park	\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000
Reid Park	\$240,000	\$0	\$240,000
Villegas Park	\$260,000	\$0	\$260,000
TOTAL			\$750,000

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availability of funds:Edward Enriquez, Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer
Rafael Guzman, Assistant City ManagerApproved by:Kristi J. Smith, Interim City Attorney