



City Council Agenda Item

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SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution No. 6533(22) Authorizing Submission of Application for California Foundation for Parks & Recreation Statewide Healthy Play Initiative Grant for Ryon Park Playground Project and Approving Supplemental Appropriations;

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the City Council adopt Resolution No. 6533(22) (Attachment 1) authorizing the submittal of an application for funding in the amount of \$200,000 to California Foundation for Parks & Recreation (CPRS) for the Ryon Park Playground Project (Project) and approving supplemental appropriations of \$400,000 for the Project.

Background:

CPRS, PlayCore and GameTime are strategically partnering to support and promote "Parks Make Life Better!" through education and funding opportunities. The goals of the initiative are:

Statewide Education: Interactive professional development events will provide training experiences about how play and recreation are essential to creating healthier, happier communities. Ideal for parks and recreation professionals, landscape architects, educators, and other play advocates, these education events and Continuing Education Units are being offered at no cost through PlayCore's Center for Outreach, Research, and Education Deploy.

Funding: GameTime will provide up to \$2 Million in matching funds to CPRS members to support the deployment of National Demonstration Sites across California to create outdoor play and recreation spaces that align with evidence-based best practices. These projects of excellence will implement evidence-based best practices in the areas of inclusion, nature integration, physical activity, and adult fitness.

Outcomes and Data Collection: Data collection, outcomes sharing, and impact reports will further champion parks and recreation as an essential contributor to improving the quality of life for children, families, and communities in California. Awardees will assist in data collection and reporting that will be shared with CPRS and their members to create awareness, support advocacy efforts, and further the goals and mission of CPRS.

Discussion:

Ryon Park is the oldest park in the City with the northern section (7.5 acres) having been donated to the City in 1910 by Mary Ryon.

Ryon Park playground was installed in 2008. Much like the recently renovated playground at Beattie Park, this site is well attended promoting physical, emotional and mental health and wellness of the community. Ryon Park supports the economic vitality of the community by facilitating many of the community's celebrations.

Ryon Park is the home of youth football, softball and will soon have newly renovated tennis courts and new pickle ball courts. The park is 22.5 acres, with park features such as a group BBQ facility, playground, multi-purpose football/soccer fields, lighted softball field, many individual picnic areas and open space to facilitate many of the community's celebrations

For those reasons, when the opportunity to apply for the CPRS Statewide Healthy Play Initiative Grant, Ryon Park playground was selected as it would be the most utilized site, and it is large enough to facilitate a National Demonstration Site providing inclusive play for all.

If approved, then staff will engage the community to determine which of the multiple playground equipment items they would like to see at Ryon Park through social media surveys to ensure the City will provide what the community wants and will enjoy.

Staff have been searching for funding opportunities to reduce the impact to the General Fund to make greatly needed and desired improvements to our City parks and facilities. The Parks and Recreation Commission ranked a list of such parks and recreation facilities projects and Ryon Park is highly ranked (see Attachment 2). In the last year the City has been successful in accessing non-General Fund sources to make improvements to park facilities. Those include: Beattie Park, Ryon Park Tennis & Pickle Ball Courts, College Park (Skate Park), JM Park Concession Stand and Restroom, Thompson Park, Pioneer Park (Restroom). The City is also currently being considered for grant funds for Pioneer Park (playground) and Anderson Recreation Center (HVAC system).

Fiscal Impact:

The Ryon Park Playground project budget is a total project cost of \$600,000, detailed below.

Item	Cost	Funding Source	
		General Fund	Grant
Play structure (age 5-12 years)	\$250,000	\$125,000	\$125,000
Play structure (age 2-5 years)	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Swings	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Playground equipment	\$30,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Demo/Site Work	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0
Play surfacing	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$0
Concrete work	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0
Total	\$600,000	\$400,000	\$200,000

Supplemental appropriations are identified in Resolution No. 6533(22) to fund Ryon Park Playground project in the amount of \$400,000. The CPRS funding is offered at a one-to-one match for the equipment costs as illustrated in the budget above. Funding must be committed funds. For another demonstration site of the size installed at Beattie Park, with the inclusive play for all design elements, the City could take advantage of the matching funds grant in an amount of \$200,000 for a \$400,000 play structure.

Conclusion:

The one-time grant program from CPRS and approval of the appropriations will allow the City to take advantage of this funding opportunity to address the installation of a new playground at the City’s oldest park that is greatly utilized by the community and visitors to Lompoc with a reduced impact to the General Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY MANAGER:

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 Dean Albro, City Manager

Attachments: 1) Resolution 6533(22)

2) 2022 Parks & Recreation Capital Projects for Ranking