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Budget and Finance Committee
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Federal Land and Water Conservation Grant Program

SUMMARY

This report requests that City Council authorize submittal of an application under the Federal Land and Water Conservation Grant program. Applications must be submitted by February 13, 1987.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Program (LWCF) provides funds to state and local agencies for the acquisition or development of neighborhood, community and regional parks. The City of Sacramento has significantly benefitted from LWCF grants. Since 1965, 13 projects amounting to \$1,125,217 have been funded in the form of matching grants including acquisition and development of parks, bikeways, tennis courts and pool projects.

In past years, the LWCF Program has suffered severe Federal funding cutbacks. Total appropriations have ranged from \$174 million in 1981 to no appropriations in 1982, \$75 million each year from 1983-1985, \$50 million in 1986, and \$35 million in 1987. Also, in past years the City of Sacramento competed with park and recreation agencies in State Planning Areas I, II and III, which cover all counties from the Oregon border, west to the coast, east to Nevada, and south to Sacramento County. In 1987, Planning Area IV is being combined with Areas I-III, effectively expanding the competition to the entire north state, including the metropolitan areas of San Jose, San Francisco, and Oakland. A total of \$450,184 has been allocated for this entire area, half to be used for regional projects and half for less than regional projects.

Competition will be extremely keen due to the limitations of funds and expansion of the competitive region. Following consultation with the LWCF grants officer, staff has determined that McKinley Park, a project for which the required matching funds are available, meets the program criteria and will be competitive in the less than regional category.

McKinley community park, located at McKinley and Alhambra Boulevards, is a notable landmark in the cityscape of downtown Sacramento. The park serves an established residential area with one of the highest concentrations of senior citizens in Sacramento County. The proposed project is for development of an improved-surface 1.1 mile jogging and walking path around the perimeter of the park, installation of park security lighting in the interior of the park, and remodeling of the 58-year old park restrooms.

The 1986 Bond Act Grant Three-Year Program, approved by the City Council on October 21, 1986, includes two projects for McKinley Park:

1. Restroom and security lighting - \$82,000 in FY 1987-88.
2. Running track - \$85,000 in FY 1988-89.

If this competitive LWCF grant is awarded to the City, \$85,000 will be available from the 1986 Bond Act grant program to be reallocated to meet other needs within McKinley Park.

Grant applications are due on February 13, 1987.

FINANCIAL DATA

The total McKinley Park community park project is estimated at \$164,000. Proposed funding sources are as follows:

\$82,000	1986 Bond Act grant funds
<u>82,000</u>	LWCF (grant proposed)
\$164,000	TOTAL PROJECT

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Budget and Finance Committee approve this report for referral to the full City Council for final action. Further, it is recommended that the City Council approve, by resolution, the submittal of an application under the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Program for the McKinley Park Improvements Project.

Respectfully submitted,



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Recommendation Approved:



JACK R. CRIST
Deputy City Manager

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January 27, 1987
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RESOLUTION NO.

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL ON DATE OF

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUNDS FOR MCKINLEY PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Congress under Public Law 88-578 has authorized the establishment of a Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant-in-Aid Program, providing matching funds to the State of California and its political subdivisions for acquiring lands and developing facilities for public outdoor recreation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation is responsible for the administration of the program within the State, setting up necessary rules and procedures governing application by local agencies under the program; and

WHEREAS, said adopted procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of applications and the availability of local matching funds prior to submission of said applications to the State; and

WHEREAS, the proposed McKinley Park Improvements Project is consistent with the State Outdoor Recreation Plan Recreation in California, Issues and Actions: 1981-85; and

WHEREAS, the project must be compatible with the land use plans of those jurisdictions immediately surrounding the project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an application for Land and Water Conservation Fund assistance; and
2. Certifies that said agency has matching funds from the 1986 Bond Act grant funds and can finance 100% of the project, half of which will be reimbursed; and
3. Certifies that the project is compatible with the land use plans of those jurisdictions immediately surrounding the project; and

4. Appoints the City Manager as agent of the City to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, billing statements, and so on which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK