



LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

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The Honorable Board of Directors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Directors:

**ALLOCATE CITIES EXCESS FUNDS
AVAILABLE TO THE FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT FOR
AGRANT TO THE CITY OF BELL GARDENS FOR
THE JOHN ANSON FORD PARK ATHLETIC FIELD REHABILITATION
PHASE II PROJECT
(FIRST DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate \$500,000 in Cities Excess Funds, available to the First Supervisorial District pursuant to the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, for a grant to the City of Bell Gardens for its John Anson Ford Park Athletic Field Rehabilitation Phase II Project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed John Anson Ford Park Athletic Field Rehabilitation Phase II Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act because the project involves rehabilitation of an existing facility and minor alterations in the condition of land for the reasons cited herein.
2. Allocate \$500,000 in Cities Excess Funds available to the First Supervisorial District to the City of Bell Gardens for the John Anson Ford Park Athletic Field Rehabilitation Phase II Project.
3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, acting in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a grant to the City of Bell Gardens, if applicable conditions have been met, and to administer the grant as of the date of this action and pursuant to guidelines in the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects; otherwise, the funds shall remain in the Excess Funds account.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate \$500,000 in Cities Excess Funds, available to the First Supervisorial District pursuant to the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), for a grant to the City of Bell Gardens (City) for its John Anson Ford Park Athletic Field Rehabilitation Phase II Project.

On January 19, 2010, your Board approved the allocation and awarded \$159,000 in Cities Excess Funds to the City for the John Anson Ford Athletic Field Rehabilitation Project. The awarded grant was utilized to fund site preparation, construction of concrete curbing, and purchase and installation of synthetic turf on the northern half of the pre-existing athletic field, Field No. 5. The first phase of the project was completed and opened to the public on July 16, 2011. Rehabilitation work on the southern half of the pre-existing athletic field, Field No. 5, will be completed under the proposed John Anson Ford Park Athletic Field Rehabilitation Phase II Project.

The proposed John Anson Ford Park Athletic Field Rehabilitation Phase II Project consists of site preparation, grading and drainage improvements, construction of concrete curbing, and purchase and installation of synthetic turf on the southern half of Field No. 5 at John Anson Ford Park. The total estimated cost of the proposed project is \$700,000. In addition to the recommended \$500,000 in Cities Excess Funds, the City will utilize \$200,000 in other funding toward the completion of the project, including grants from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and the Water Replenishment District of Southern California as well as private donations.

It is also recommended that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director), acting in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, be authorized to award a grant to the City of Bell Gardens and to administer the grant under the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects (Procedural Guide) previously approved by your Board only if applicable conditions have been met, such as grantee qualifications, consistency between the projects and requirements of the 1996 Proposition, and grantee agreement with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the project. -

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions will further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goal of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) by enhancing safe and accessible recreational opportunities in the City of Bell Gardens in the First Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grants in the amount of \$500,000 is budgeted in the First Supervisorial District portion of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. The City of Bell Gardens has met this requirement.

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended grants will be funded from the Excess Funds available to the First Supervisorial District for Cities projects.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director will be authorized to award the grant only if applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

On June 2, 2009, your Board approved the Procedural Guide to govern the administration of Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District grants. The Procedural Guide will appropriately govern the administration of the recommended grant as well.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed John Anson Ford Park Athletic Field Rehabilitation Phase II Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Sections 15301 and 15303 of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 1 and 3 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the project involves rehabilitation of an existing facility and minor alterations in the condition of land which include site preparation, grading and drainage improvements, construction of concrete curbing, and installation of synthetic turf.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

A Grant Project Agreement will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by your Board in 2009 only if applicable conditions of the grants have been met. The Grant Project Agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended actions will have no impact on any other projects funded by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District but are required for the enhancement of safe and accessible recreational opportunities in the City of Bell Gardens in the First Supervisorial District.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and one to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

5/29/2012

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

RUSS GUINEY

Director

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c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors