




Parks Recreation & Waterfront Department

Memorandum

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To: Five Cities of the Sports Fields Joint Powers Agreement (Albany, Berkeley, El Cerrito, Emeryville, and Richmond)

From:  Scott Ferris, Director, Parks, Recreation & Waterfront Dept, City of Berkeley

Subject: Cal Youth Soccer Grant Application 2016 - Gilman Sports Fields

OVERVIEW

On November 1, 2016, the State's California **Youth Soccer Grant Program** (funded by Proposition 40) will accept one final round of grant applications for a maximum grant award of \$1 million. The five member cities of the Sports Fields Joint Power Agreement (JPA) are being asked to provide assistance in the form of local cash match in order for the City of Berkeley to submit a competitive grant application for new project elements at the Gilman Sports Fields.

BACKGROUND

In 2003, due to a shortage of playing fields, five East Bay cities of Albany, Berkeley, El Cerrito, Emeryville, and Richmond entered into a joint powers agreement (JPA) to work together to seek funding as a regional group to develop new sports fields. The first project initiated by the JPA was the Gilman Sports Fields Complex.

Since opening in 2008, the Gilman Sports Fields Complex has been a huge success, greatly expanding the opportunities for sports for youth and adults throughout the five JPA cities. The demand for the facility is constant, leading to fully scheduled fields throughout the year, and providing a capacity of over 365,160 player hours per year, rain or shine.

In 2008, phase one of the facility was completed with two synthetic turf fields with night lighting, three natural turf fields with irrigation, the north parking lot, pathways and fencing, stormwater drainage improvements, and user amenities (drinking fountains, benches, bicycle racks, etc.) In 2010, the softball field and the south parking lot were added at the Gilman Fields. However, several project elements are still unfunded, such as a new youth soccer field (north grass field), newly paved south parking lot, newly improved north parking lot, night lighting, and restrooms (north and south).

GRANT OPPORTUNITY

This grant opportunity will allow the five JPA cities of Albany, Berkeley, El Cerrito, Emeryville, and Richmond to compete for up to \$1 million to implement some of these project elements.

On September 21, 2016, at a noticed meeting of the five JPA cities and the sports user groups, the JPA agreed by consensus to prioritize the **north youth soccer field**, along with a **new public restroom** at the south parking lot for this grant proposal.

In order to be as competitive as possible, and obtain the five points for matching funds as defined in Criteria No. 7 in the Grant Project Selection Criteria (see Attachment 1), the JPA cities are being asked to consider providing a cash match to help cover the non-construction costs related to the project.

OPTIONS

On September 21, 2016, in consultation with the five JPA cities and the sports user groups, three options were developed, with **Option 1** as the preferred option.

- **Option 1** would construct **one new youth soccer field** and **one new public restroom** with a grant request of \$1,000,000 to cover construction costs only. This will require a local cash match of \$20,000 from each of the five JPA cities to help cover non-construction costs, which will allow the application to get five points added to the score.
- **Option 2** would construct **one new youth soccer field only** (no restroom) with a grant request of \$845,260 to cover construction costs only. This will require a local cash match of \$10,000 from each of the five JPA cities to cover non-construction costs, which will allow the application to get five points added to the score.
- **Option 3** would construct **one new youth soccer field only** (no restroom) with a grant request of \$995,310 to cover both construction and non-construction costs. This will require no local match, which means a loss of five points.

Option	Project Element	Grant Request	Contribution (per JPA City)	Points for Grant Application
1	Youth Soccer Field and Public Restroom	\$1,000,000	\$20,000	Earn 5 points
2	Youth Soccer Field only	\$845,260	\$10,000	Earn 5 points
3	Youth Soccer Field only	\$995,310	\$0	Lose 5 points

RECOMMENDATION

Using the preferred **Option 1**, the five JPA cities can leverage \$20,000 each in local funds to help submit a highly competitive grant application in the amount of \$1,000,000 that will provide one new youth soccer field (the north grass field) and a permanent vault restroom (south parking lot). This project will provide an additional capacity of 48,000 player hours per year (primarily youth), which represents a 13% expansion in player hours at the Gilman Fields.

We anticipate that grant funding decisions will be announced in April of 2017.

Attachment 1

Overview of the California Youth Soccer Program

The intent of the State’s **Youth Soccer Program** is to award grants on a competitive basis for “fostering the development of new youth soccer, baseball, softball, and basketball recreation opportunities...(in) heavily populated, low-income urban areas with a high youth crime and unemployment rate.” As approved by the Legislature, this program will have an emphasis on creating new opportunities along with water conservation measures.

Project Selection Criteria Overview

The State’s Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS) will use Project Selection Criteria responses to rank all competing applications. All competing applications start with 0 points. The maximum score is 100 points. Note that out of a possible 100 points, five points are automatically given to applications that provide matching funds that cover the non-construction costs for the project (see Criteria 7), whereas zero points are given to applications that use any grant funds for non-construction costs as well as construction costs. The non-construction costs for the project involve the following, and are required for all publicly funded construction projects: design by licensed professional, permitting, construction management, testing, and inspection.

Criteria	Pts
1. Demographics (based on the Community Factfinder Census data) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Population - percentile rank among all applicants b. Median Household Income - percentile rank among all applicants c. Unemployment Rate - percentile rank among all applicants 	40
2. Community Challenges and Project Benefits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The need for the project b. Youth crime c. Existing recreational deficiencies d. Lost recreational opportunities if project is not implemented 	20
3. Community Involvement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Outreach efforts b. What was learned from outreach c. How did this influence the project 	10
4. Availability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Open to public 24/7 (10-7 pts) b. Open to public 3-7pm (6-3 pts) c. Limited hours (e.g., only school hrs) (0-2 pts) 	10
5. Organizational Capacity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Has applicant performed similar projects, etc. 	10
6. Water Conservation Measures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 5 pts – project uses less than local jurisdiction’s requirements b. 0 pts – project will not use less water than required by local jurisdiction 	5
7. Matching funds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 pts for projects that use all grant funds for “construction only” • 0 pts for projects that use any grant funds for “non-construction” 	5
Maximum Score	100

The full **Application Guide for the California Youth Soccer and Recreation Development Program - March 1, 2016** can be found at http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=28475