



AGENDA REPORT

Department: Engineering and Public Works
Prepared by: Stephen Manganiello, Director of Engineering & Public Works
Meeting Date: Tuesday, August 19, 2025
Approved by: Scott W. Huth, Interim City Manager

SUBJECT:

Land and Water Conservation Fund Assistance for the Proposed Las Palmas Little League Ballfields Restoration Project

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, 1) Approving the Filing of an Application for Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Funds from the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation for the Proposed Las Palmas Little League Ballfields Restoration Project; 2) Authorizing the City Engineer to Execute the Grant Application, Grant Agreement and Subsequent Documents if Awarded; and 3) Committing to Providing a Local Match."

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE PRIOR ACTION:

Not Applicable.

EXPLANATION:

The ballfields at Las Palmas Park provide an opportunity for hundreds of local youth to participate in organized team sports, specifically Little League and Girls Softball. The two fields, which get consistent play throughout the year, are in need of major restoration to ensure a safe and accessible experience for players and fans. Staff has identified an opportunity to apply for a Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant, which if approved, will contribute up to 50% towards the cost of improvements. Major elements of the project include restoration of both ballfields to improve drainage and performance, installation of permeable concrete walking paths for ADA compliance, slope stabilization and erosion control using retaining walls and planting vegetation, and replacement of the bleachers and outfield fencing. The estimated project cost is \$810,000.

The project has strong support from the community based on numerous requests received from the Little League President, parents and other community members to improve conditions of the ballfields for safety and accessibility. The LWCF grant provides an excellent opportunity to close the funding gap for construction of the project. A City Council Resolution is required to demonstrate support for the project and commitment to providing the minimum grant match of \$405,000 (which is 50% of the total project cost). Funding for the grant match is available through adoption of the Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Improvement Program Fund Budget.

Staff anticipates receiving notification as to whether the project has been selected for funding by Spring 2026. In the interim, City Public Works Parks Division will continue to support the leagues with maintenance of the ballfields.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

If grant funds are awarded, staff will return to City Council to establish appropriations and corresponding revenue budget.

LWCF Grant Amount Requested (Federal Grant) - \$405,000

Local Match Required (funds available in Capital Improvement Program Fund) - \$405,000

RELATED CITY COUNCIL 2020-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

Parks, Recreation and Library

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

This is a project under CEQA subject to a Categorical Exemption. Existing Facilities. CCR 15301(c).

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION:

The Agenda Report was posted at least 72 hours before the Regular Meeting date and time, and 24 hours before a Special Meeting in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act.

ORDINANCE:

Not Applicable

EXHIBITS:

Exhibit A – Site Plan

Exhibit B – Grant Agreement Template

Exhibit C – Resolution