



## **CITY OF SALINAS**

### **COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

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**DATE:** July 2, 2019

**DEPARTMENT:** LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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**TITLE:** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR STATEWIDE PARK DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

A motion to approve a resolution authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the California Department of Parks and Recreation for the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that Council approve the resolution authorizing the Library Community Services Department to submit a grant application to the California Department of Parks and Recreation Office for the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Library Community Services Department has recently concluded a Parks, Recreation and Libraries Master Planning effort which included a full assessment of our park, recreation and library facilities. Following this assessment and the community engagement process which included over two thousand community engagement touch points, our consultants proceeded to develop plan content, key project recommendations, implementation strategies and a capital investment plan. Our consultant team has deemed the Hebborn Family Center to have “no architectural value” left and is recommending that this facility be replaced.

In late 2018, staff received the chapter content and capital investment plan for the Master Plan. Over the next year, the content was vetted through Library and Community Services, Public Works and Community Development staff. The capital investment plan is significant totaling over \$176 million dollars. To establish a fair and equitable ranking process, the staff developed a criterion that would be used to score each project, which would ultimately result in a ranking of each project. This ranking would be used to prioritize projects and seek funding accordingly. In February 2019, three additional community meetings were held to obtain resident feedback on the criterion developed by staff and rank them by importance. Following these meetings, our consultants took this data and ranked the projects accordingly as outlined in the draft Master Plan. The replacement of the Hebborn Family Center scored and ranked the highest for recreation center facilities.

This grant opportunity made possible by the passage of Proposition 68 allows us to apply for up to \$8.5 million dollars for eligible projects. The ideal project of this grant opportunity is the replacement of the heavily used and ideally located Hebbbron Family Center. The intent of the prop 68 funded Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program is to create new parks and recreation opportunities in critically underserved communities across California. Only three types of projects are eligible including; create a new park or, expand an existing park or renovate an existing park. All projects must create or renovate at least one recreation feature. In addition, all projects must be in an area where there is less than 3 acres of park acres per 1,000 residents in a half mile radius from the project site and/or a median household income of less than \$51,026 also within a half mile radius. Our proposed Hebbbron Family Center project location meets the income requirement. Staff verified our site using the required community fact finder tool provided by the State.

The Hebbbron Family Center is a top priority because of its critical condition and heavy use by the community. The center hosts hundreds of youth daily with our drop-in recreation programming, citizenship classes, tiny tot program, karate, food bank distribution, teen program, community wide events and is a convenient meeting place for many local community groups. A major weather event or serious repair issue could cause us to close part or the whole building down over safety concerns. This grant application is part of our goal to finding a solution to rebuild this important center for the community.

#### CEQA CONSIDERATION:

**Not a Project.** The City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378).

#### STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

This item supports the following City Council Goals:

- ☐ Safe, Livable Community
- ☐ Effective, Sustainable Government
- ☐ Quality of Life

#### DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

Throughout the Master Plan process, the Library & Community Services Department has coordinated and collaborated with the Public Works and Community Development Departments to include discussing this grant opportunity and how it supports implementation of the Parks, Recreation and Library Master Plan and the Alisal Vibrancy Plan.

#### FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

The grant requires a commitment from the Applicant that if awarded the grant the organization has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project for up to thirty years. If successful the grant ensures a community center in the Hebbbron Heights area for decades to come.

#### ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution