

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT General Services	(2) MEETING DATE March 20, 2012	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Elizabeth Kavanaugh 805/781-4089 Curtis Black 805/781-5204	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve a resolution authorizing submittal of a grant application under the Housing Related Parks Program for expansion and/or revitalization of the San Miguel Community Park.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION The General Services Agency- Parks recommends your Board: (1) Approve the resolution authorizing submittal of a grant application under the Housing Related Parks Program for expansion and/or revitalization of the San Miguel Community Park; and, (2) Authorize the General Service Agency Director or designee to submit and sign grant documents.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) California Housing and Community Development's Housing Related Parks Program	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT Up to \$130,000	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT No new expenses	(9) BUDGETED? No
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation (Time Est. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		(12) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: n/a <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(13) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) n/a		(14) W-9 <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
(15) LOCATION MAP Attached	(16) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? Yes	(17) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Date _____	
(18) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW			
(19) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) District 1 -			

# County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: General Services - Elizabeth Kavanaugh 781-4089  
Curtis Black 781-5204

DATE: March 20, 2012

SUBJECT: Request to approve a resolution authorizing submittal of a grant application under the Housing Related Parks Program for expansion and/or revitalization of the San Miguel Community Park.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

The General Services Agency- Parks recommends your Board:

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## **DISCUSSION**

County Parks and the community of San Miguel have identified a need for an expanded and revitalized park in San Miguel. Expansion of the existing San Miguel Community Park is proposed in the Parks and Recreation Element and is on the Parks and Recreation Commission's Priority Project list.

The California Department of Housing and Community Development have listed a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) of 25 million dollars to be used for park development or improvements. The intent of this grant is to provide financial incentives for parks to cities and counties with documented housing starts of newly constructed units affordable to very low or low-income households. San Luis Obispo County is eligible for this grant because in 2011, fifty-five (55) affordable units were developed or started by People's Self Help Housing in Templeton and Nipomo.

Upon your Board authorization, County Parks intends to apply for up to \$130,000 from this grant to expand and/or revitalize San Miguel Community Park. The priority project for this grant is:

Road improvements on L Street – Closing one block of K Street, that currently bi-sects the park will add one-half acre of land to the park and join the east and west sections into one continuous park. Closing one block of K Street will result in the need to reroute vehicular traffic onto nearby L Street. Therefore, improvements to L Street must be completed so it can safely handle the additional traffic resulting from the closing of one block of K Street.

A community survey completed in 2010 shows 67 percent of the San Miguel residents that were surveyed support closing one block of K Street to expand San Miguel Community Park. Few park grants provide funding for off-site improvements that are necessary on L Street to close one block of K Street. For this reason, this grant is a good fit for this project. However, this grant requires project completion within four years. It is unknown how long it will take to accomplish closing K Street because it will require approval by other departments along with public hearing(s).

To ensure San Miguel Community Park benefits from this grant opportunity, County Parks provides two additional projects as options for this grant, in case the closing of one block of K Street project cannot be completed within four years. The alternative projects are as follows:

- Improvements on APN 021-252-011, a vacant parcel that is adjacent to the San Miguel Community Park and owned by the County of San Luis Obispo; or
- Improvements to the irrigation system at the park.

These projects do not require multi-department approval or a public hearing and can be completed within the grant's four-year timeline.

### **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT**

On February 23, 2012, the County's Parks and Recreation Commission recommended applying for the grant funds available under the California Department of Housing and Community Development's Housing Related Parks Program for the expansion and/or revitalization of San Miguel Community Park.

### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

This request may benefit the Building Design and Construction cluster identified in the San Luis Obispo County Clusters of Opportunity Economic Strategy (November 2010) through the future opportunity for local business to construct the proposed projects.

### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The road improvements needed on L Street, to enable the closing of one block of K Street, may require additional funds to complete. If so, Parks staff will pursue additional funding sources, including grants, to complete this project. No operations budget increase is requested

The second potential project, which is to improve APN 021-252-011 (a vacant parcel that is adjacent to the San Miguel Community Park), may be funded entirely by the grant program.

The final project option, improvement of the irrigation system at the park may be funded through this grant with additional Quimby funds if needed.

### **RESULTS**

Obtaining the Housing Related Park Program grant to expand and/or revitalize San Miguel Community Park will provide new and additional recreation opportunities for San Miguel residents. This will help provide a healthy, livable, prosperous and well governed community by providing improvements to a recreational facility.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Vicinity Map
2. Site Map
3. Board Resolution