



Legislation Text

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TO:

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

THROUGH:

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FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Resolution No. 13-0062 of the City of Manhattan Beach Approving the Application for Competitive Funding for Landscape Improvements to Veterans Parkway.

APPROVE

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that City Council Adopt Resolution No. 13-0062 to endorse the City's application for competitive funding for landscape improvements to Veterans Parkway.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

The grant proposal does not call for any matching funds from the City. Depending on the projects selected for funding, some City Public Works staff time may be required for project implementation.

BACKGROUND:

Veterans Parkway is an important community asset that functions as a passive, tranquil parkway. To ensure that efforts to maintain and improve Veterans Parkway are implemented in an effective manner, City Council approved the Landscape Master Plan Guidelines presented on June 25, 2013.

DISCUSSION:

The 2013 Competitive Trails Grant has been made available from Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe's office. As part of the application package, a City Council resolution supporting the grant application is needed.

The grant focuses on projects that improve trails and public access. The Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District will administer the funds, and grant amounts range from \$25,000 - \$300,000. Projects will need to be completed within three years of the execution of the grant.

Through the Landscape Master Plan process, several projects were identified that qualify for this program including:

- Adding stairs to create an access point onto the trail;
- Improving slope stabilization through incorporation of native plantings and drip irrigation;
- Addition of native plants to improve the wildlife habitat and viewing in an open space area on the trail;
- Use of boulders for seating areas along the trail to provide resting spots for trail users, especially seniors and young children;
- Succession planting of replacement trees and shrubs to prepare for those species which are failing or at the end of life on the trail; and
- Addition of shade trees along some areas of the trail.

Each of these projects will need to be implemented as Staff begins to follow the Landscape Guidelines for Veterans Parkway. Staff will prioritize the project proposals based on greatest need, and best fit for grant funds available.

CONCLUSION:

Grant funding is an important tool in the implementation of the recommendations in the City's adopted Landscape Master Plan Guidelines for Veterans Parkway. Staff recommends that City Council Adopt Resolution No. 13-0062 to endorse the City's application for competitive funding for landscape improvements to Veterans Parkway.

Attachment:

1. Resolution No. 13-0062 Approving Application for Landscape Improvements to Veterans Parkway