

CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2010

AGENDA ITEM No. 26

POLICY AND ACTION

Resolution

Authorize the City Manager to apply for a Cooley Landing project grant from the State Parks Grant Program (Lily Lee, Project Consultant – Cooley Landing)



# **CITY OF EAST PALO ALTO**

## **OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER**

2415 University Avenue • East Palo Alto, CA 94303-1164

**DATE:** February 16, 2010

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the East Palo Alto City Council  
Chair and Members of the Redevelopment Agency

**VIA:** Alvin D. James, City Manager

**FROM:** Lily Lee, Cooley Landing Project Manager

**SUBJECT:** Cooley Landing Grant application to the Statewide Park Development and  
Community Revitalization Program of 2008

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the City Council:

- 1) Approve the resolution required to be submitted as part of a grant application that authorizes the City Manager to enter into contract with the State Department of Parks and Recreation for the purpose of securing funds to construct the Cooley Landing project in accordance with the City's strategic goals, objectives, and policies; and
- 2) Direct that, prior to entering into contract, the City Manager seek Council authorization to accept and allocate grant proceeds awarded to ensure that grant terms are consistent with City Council Strategic Goals and Objectives

### **BACKGROUND:**

East Palo Alto leaders and residents have had a long term interest in opening Cooley Landing to the public. Through a series of community meetings since 2003, community residents have consistently expressed a desire to restore habitat and provide environmental education opportunities at Cooley Landing. The State of California has a parks grant program using bond funds from Proposition 84 (**Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program of 2008**) that could provide up to \$5 million, with no match requirement, for construction of the Cooley Landing project as ultimately approved. This is a highly desirable opportunity, but the City will have to move quickly to take advantage of it.

### **ANALYSIS:**

This new competitive grant program was created by Assembly Bill 31 (De Leon) Chapter 623, Statutes of 2008. There will be two rounds awarding \$368,000,000 to critically

underserved communities throughout California. As of July 1, 2009, the 2009/10 Budget Act appropriated \$184,000,000 for the first competitive round. This program will award grants on a competitive basis for the creation of new parks and new recreation opportunities in proximity to the most critically underserved communities across California. These projects will benefit the health of families, youth, senior citizens, and other population groups by meeting their recreational, cultural, social, educational, and environmental needs. In these economic times, Foundation, major donor, government grant, and other forms of funding for projects like Cooley Landing have reduced significantly. This opportunity is therefore rare and extremely competitive. These funds can be used for landscaping, recreation features, open space and natural areas, picnic areas, restroom buildings, parking lots, public art, and other features that community residents would like to see at Cooley Landing.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This grant program has no match requirement. Other than staff activities in connection with applying for and managing the grant, this should have no fiscal impact.

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PALO ALTO  
APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR THE STATEWIDE PARK PROGRAM  
GRANT FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility by the Legislature of the State of California for the administration of the Statewide Park Program, setting up necessary procedures governing the Application; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of application(s) before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will enter into a contract with the State of California to complete the grant scope project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby:  
Approves the filing of an application for the Cooley Landing Project, and

- 1) Certifies that said applicant has or will have available, prior to commencement of any work on the project included in this application, the sufficient funds to complete the project; and
- 2) Certifies that the applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project(s), and
- 3) Certifies that the applicant has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the contract shown in the Grant Administration Guide; and
- 4) Delegates the authority to the City Manager to conduct all negotiations, sign and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the grant scope; and
- 5) Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and guidelines.

Approved and adopted the 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2010

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution Number \_\_\_\_\_ was duly adopted by the City Council following a roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:  
ABSTENTION:

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David Woods, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Alvin James, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Vincent Ewing, City Attorney