


CITY COUNCIL ACTION REQUEST

Department(s): Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services	CEQA: Not a Project, File No. PP17-007, Grant Application with no commitment or obligation to enter to an agreement at the time of application	Coordination: City Attorney’s Office and City Manager’s Budget Office	Dept. Approval: /s/ Jon Cicirelli
Council District(s): Districts 3, 5 & 7			CMO Approval: 

SUBJECT: APPLICATIONS FOR CALIFORNIA STATE PARK’S OUTDOOR EQUITY GRANTS PROGRAM FOR RESIDENTS TO ENGAGE IN THE FAMILY CAMP EXPERIENCE

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt resolutions approving the Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department’s applications to the California Department of Parks and Recreation’s Outdoor Equity Grants Program for the following Project Hope neighborhoods to encourage healthy communities by connecting people with nature through a free experience at Family Camp at Yosemite:

- a) Foxdale (Sylvia Cassell Park)
- b) Poco Way (Emma Prusch Farm Park)
- c) Santee (Fair Swim Center)
- d) Washington (Washington United Youth Center)

BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

Family Camp at Yosemite is a full service, multi-generational family camping experience offered by the City of San José’s Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department (Department). Guided by the principles of Nature and Equity & Access, the Department is seeking funding from the State of California’s Outdoor Equity Grants Program to provide teens and families in San José’s underserved neighborhoods with nature and outdoor education activities. The experience includes a free Family Camp visit and camping supplies that can be kept by participants so they can continue to engage with nature and the outdoors after the program.

The grant program allows organizations to submit applications for multiple Community Home Bases, which are central gathering places in an underserved community that needs access to outdoor programs. Potential Community Home Bases were evaluated using the State of California’s Outdoor Equity Program Tool, which identified areas with the highest rate of free or reduced-priced school meals, the highest rate of English learners in public schools, the highest number of people living in poverty, and the lowest per capita income. Based on the evaluation and program requirements, applications can be submitted for the following Project Hope neighborhoods using a local park or recreation facility as the Community Home Base: Foxdale (Sylvia Cassell Park), Poco Way (Emma Prusch Farm Park), Santee (Fair Swim Center), and Washington (Washington United Youth Center). If awarded, the grant-funded program requires that a majority of residents participating in the proposed Family Camp experience come from the Community Home Base area. The proposed program is designed to reach 200 residents per Community Home Base per year over three years, totaling 2,400 residents served.

The Outdoor Equity Grant Program application requires a City Council resolution authorizing each of the applications. The resolutions are to confirm that the governing body is aware of all terms in the contract and provides confirmation that the applicant has the funding needed to complete the proposed outdoor program if the grant is awarded.

Climate Smart San José: The recommendation in this memo may negatively impact one or

more Climate Smart San José energy, water, or mobility goals. However, buses will be used to efficiently transport large groups of 40-50 community members at a time to Family Camp. This will mitigate the impact to San Jose’s Climate Smart Goals by minimizing the carbon footprint.

Commission Recommendation/Input: This item does not require input from a board or commission.

COST AND FUNDING SOURCE:

If all four applications are awarded in full, total program costs will be \$1,998,755. The grant does not require any matching funds; if awarded, the grant would cover 100% of the cost and all program expenses would be reimbursed. Final budget recommendation for allocation of the grant award will be submitted as part of the regular budget process.

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