



TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY

TOWN COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

To: Honorable Mayor and Town Council **Date:** September 26, 2017
From: Jennifer Heim, Special Projects Manager **Item No:** 15
Town Manager's Office
Subject: ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2017-31, A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES GRANT FUNDS

T.M. Approval: _____ **Budgeted Item:** Yes No N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Town Council adopt Resolution No. 2017-31, approving the Application for Outdoor Environmental Education Facilities Grant Funds for the Apple Valley Legacy Trail Project.

SUMMARY:

This resolution will authorize staff to seek \$380,000 in grant funding from the California State Department of Parks and Recreation Outdoor Environmental Education Facilities Grant Program to help offset project costs. As a requirement for acceptance, the California State Department of Parks and Recreation requires a resolution be adopted by the agency's governing body and submitted as part of the grant application.

BACKGROUND:

On March 5, 2002, voters passed Proposition 40, the \$2.6 billion "California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002" (2002 Resources Bond). The Bond provided funds for local assistance grants.

The California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 was intended for acquisition and development of properties of the state park system, to acquire and develop neighborhood, community, and regional parks and recreational areas, for land, air, and water conservation programs, including acquisition for those purposes, and to acquire, restore, preserve and interpret California's historical and cultural resources.

The intention of the Outdoor Environmental Education Facilities Grant Program is to provide assistance to state and local agencies and community-based organizations with regard to the development of outdoor environmental education facilities. Eligible projects include the development of public outdoor education facilities, structures and exhibits. Development must be outdoors, in a natural setting with native vegetation. Amenities may provide outdoor education on their own (such as signs, kiosks, nature trails), or consist of outdoor structures that facilitate providing outdoor education.

With advisement from the Hilltop House Ad-Hoc Committee, Town staff finalized an application for the Outdoor Environmental Education Facilities Grant Program earlier this month. The application request is for \$380,000 in project funding for trail improvements and outdoor educational kiosks for Phase 1 of the Apple Valley Legacy Trail.

Award announcements are expected in March, 2018.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No local match required.

ATTACHMENT:

Resolution No. 2017-31

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-31

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FACILITIES 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 Outdoor Environmental Education Facilities Grant 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 the application before submission of said application to the State; and

WHEREAS, successful Applicants will enter into a contract with the State of California to complete the Grant Scope project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Apple Valley hereby:

Approves the filing of an application for the Apple Valley Legacy Trail; 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 if the project is awarded, the Applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project, 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 Town Manager or Interim Town 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** by the Town Council of the Town of Apple Valley this 26th day of September 2017.

Scott Nassif, Mayor

La Vonda M-Pearson, Town Clerk