



Town of Apple Valley

A Better Way of Life

Memorandum

DATE: September 28, 2020

TO: David C. Coleman, Parks & Recreation Manager

FROM: Julie Ryan, Special Projects Manager

RE: Parks & Recreation Grants Update

Per your request and the request of the Park and Recreation Commission, the following grants have been submitted and/or are available.

1. State Parks Recreational Trails Program: Apple Valley Legacy Trail Phase 1.

Funds Requested: \$334,400

Submitted February 3, 2020

Additional information requested and submitted April 29, 2020

Application still under review

GRANT SCOPE: The Town of Apple Valley requests \$334,400 to grade and resurface paved and natural gravel trails within 21-acres of open space leading to a historical monument on Bass Hill, which the Town acquired in May 2016. This project will pave and resurface 1,800 linear feet of crumbling driveway that will serve as the backbone of the "Apple Valley Legacy Trail" on Bass Hill. The project will further construct approximately 1,225 linear feet of nature trails that will traverse the hillside that overlooks Apple Valley, the Mojave Desert, and Antelope Valley. The project will also include fabrication and installation of five free standing kiosks with educational, interpretive panels; resting benches; safety features; historical markers; and ADA access. The "Apple Valley Legacy Trail" project is the culmination of a decade-long grassroots effort to acquire the historic Hilltop House property then develop and resurface trails for public access.

2. California Natural Resources Agency Recreational Trails and Greenways Grant Program: Apple Valley Legacy Trail Acquisition Project.

Funds Requested: \$1,105,467

Submitted August 16, 2019

Project not selected to continue in the competitive process

Program was oversubscribed with \$288 million in requests competing for \$27.7 million

Project Description: The Town of Apple Valley is submitting this acquisition Recreational Trails and Greenways Grant Program application to acquire a 5.04-acre parcel to create a new community park, parking accessibility and trailhead that leads to the Apple Valley Legacy Trail (AVLT) and the historical landmark of Hilltop House at the peak of Bass Hill in the Town of Apple Valley. The Hilltop House and its 20.75 acres were acquired by the Town in May 2016. With the acquisition of the additional 5.04 acres, the AVLT project will serve the entire Town's population as well as benefit the High Desert Region, as it is in a prominent location in the Town adjacent to Highway 18 between Interstate 15 and Highway 247.

3. Additional grant opportunities:

a. State Parks Per Capita Program:

Apple Valley Allocation: \$177,952

Urban County Allocation: \$45,838.66

Grant Performance Period: July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2024

Town Council Resolution Approved January 14, 2020

Application Packet(s) Due: No later than June 30, 2021

This program is for acquisition or development and must supplement existing expenditures. A 20 percent match is required, but a grantee must show 25 percent in additional costs. The 20 percent match calculation is based on the Project amount, not on the grant amount. Projects under review.

b. State Parks Prop 68 Grant:

Minimum grant amount: \$200,000

Maximum grant amount: \$8,500,000

One separate application required per park and project should create a new recreation opportunity as the primary goal. No match required. Projects under review.