

AMBROSE RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT

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BOARD MEETING DATE: March 13, 2025

ITEM TITLE: Discuss Application Submission for the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) Round 8 Office of Grants and Local Services (OGAL)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Directors discuss submitted application for the ORLP “Parks and Water Bond Act of 2025” competitive round grant and provide staff with direction.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

There is no cost for applying for the grant. However, the grant application requires specific information regarding project cost estimates which typically is formulated by a consultant, generally a landscape architect. The cost estimate would include pre-construction costs (CEQA review, plans, bid documents, permit fees, project management, etc.) and construction costs. It would cost \$281,000 for a consultant to develop a project cost estimate.

BACKGROUND:

The Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) program was established in 2014 and is funded through the Land and Water Conservation Fund. ORLP is a nationally competitive program targeting grant assistance to help economically disadvantaged urban communities with no, or almost no, access to publicly available, close-by, outdoor recreation. Funds can be used for the acquisition and/or development of, or to substantially renovate obsolete, public parks and other outdoor recreation spaces.

Managed by the National Park Service and funded through the Land and Water Conservation Fund, the nationally competitive ORLP program provides matching grants (up to 50% of total project costs) to assist communities with little to no access to outdoor recreation opportunities in urban areas. Funds can be used for the acquisition and/or development of, or to substantially renovate public parks and other outdoor recreation spaces.

Since the District currently does not have undeveloped land to create a new park or expand an existing park, the focus would be on renovating an existing park.

For round eight there are two separate rounds of competitive grant funding at least \$134,125,000

of the \$650,275,000 will fund projects that will expand or renovate existing parks with the same submissions date. If you do not receive grant funding for the first competitive round, you have an opportunity to receive funding on the second round.

The most feasible park for the competitive portion of the grant is Phase II at Ambrose Memorial Park.

Staff recommends that the Board consider the following project scope:

1. Replace existing parking lot Replace existing unmaintained athletic field including but not limited to irrigation and electrical.
2. Replace existing parking lot
3. Renovate existing restrooms to ADA compliant standards
4. Replace fencing

This recommendation is for discussion purpose and the Board to minimize cost of Phase II at a 50% reduction in expenditures for the Phase II project if approved and suggestions narrowing or broadening the scope.

Respectfully submitted,

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