

County of Santa Clara  
Parks and Recreation Department



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**DATE:** March 20, 2018

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Robb Courtney, Director of Parks and Recreation Department

**SUBJECT:** All-Inclusive Playground Grant Program

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Held from March 6, 2018 (Item No. 16): Consider recommendations relating to the All-Inclusive Playground Program. (Parks and Recreation Department)

Possible action:

- a. Receive report concerning a request to amend the All-Inclusive Playground Grant Procedural Guide and Policies to eliminate the cash match requirement and the effect on the grant program timeline.
- b. Direct Administration to amend the All-Inclusive Playground Grant Procedural Guide and Policies to eliminate the cash match requirement.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Not applicable.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

Not applicable.

**CONTRACT HISTORY**

Not applicable.

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

District Three has requested consideration to amend the All-Inclusive Playground Grant (AIPG) Procedural Guide and Policies with respect to the grant match contribution requirements. The AIPG, created as a monetary matching grant program, currently requires a match of one Applicant dollar to one AIPG dollar for all AIPG grants. Applicants may include cash and other non-County funds to cover their project match contributions.

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offered for District 3 and District 4, with \$1 million available in District 3 and \$1 million in District 4.

For the second round of funding, District 3 would like the Board to eliminate the cash match requirement. Making this change would require a change to the AIPG Program Policies, and to the timeline for Round Two. The current AIPG Program Policies state that the AIGP is to provide *matching* funds to assist cities, non-profits, school districts and other governmental entities located and operating in Santa Clara County.

The Round Two funding opportunity was noticed on February 2, with applications due April 30, 2018, and recommendations to the Board to occur June 19, per the Board's direction at the January 23, 2018 meeting.

If action is taken to remove the cash match requirement, the Department will update the Procedural Guide and Policies as directed by the Board, and notify all potential applicants. To allow applicants time to assess the impacts of this change to their potential applications, and in fairness to potential applicants who were not considering applying due to the match requirement, an additional 30 days would be added to the process, with applications due May 31, staff and Review Committee review in June, and recommendations to the Board in August.

### **CHILD IMPACT**

The recommended action will have no/neutral impact on children and youth.

### **SENIOR IMPACT**

The recommended action will have no/neutral impact on seniors.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS**

The recommended action will have no/neutral sustainability implications.

### **BACKGROUND**

On February 28, 2017, the Board approved the creation of the AIPG Program to provide grants to local jurisdictions and non-profits, including but not limited to, school districts, cities, and other agencies interested in building all-inclusive playgrounds in their communities within Santa Clara County.

The AIPG will provide up to ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) in matching funds to local agencies and non-profits that want to bring an all-inclusive playground to their community. \$2 million is available in each supervisorial district. The playgrounds funded under the grant should be regionally serving and must be designed to make the playground accessible not only to the 10% of those with disabilities in wheelchairs, but also to the 90% of those with disabilities who are not in wheelchairs. Playground designs should include elements to address the needs of people with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Sensory Challenges, Visual and Auditory Impairments, individuals who are medically fragile, and those with Cognitive, Developmental and Physical Disabilities. Applicants may request different amounts, but no more than \$2 million may be awarded to any single project. Current rules require grant applicants to provide at least 50% of the total project costs.

The Board of Supervisors considered the All-Inclusive Playground Grant Program (AIPG) at its June 20, 2017 meeting and after discussion voted to approve the Draft Procedural Guide with amendments. The Board directed the Parks and Recreation Department (Department) to present the Review Committee results to FGOC in December 2017 and then return to the Board in January 2018 to announce intent to award grants. The Department presented the Review Committee's recommendations to FGOC on December 7, 2017. FGOC voted to accept the Committee's recommendations and to forward the recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

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### **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

If no action is taken on the option being considered, no changes to the Procedural Guide and Policies for Round Two of the All-Inclusive Playground Grant Program will occur, and a cash match will continue to be a requirement of the AIPG.

### **STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

Upon processing, notify Christian Elliott, Parks and Recreation Department.

### **LINKS:**

- Linked To: 89434 : 89434
- Linked To: 84946 : 84946
- Linked To: 86645 : 86645
- Linked To: 89177 : 89177

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- All Inclusive Playground Procedural Guide - Round Two (PDF)
- Public Comment (PDF)

### **HISTORY:**

02/27/18	Board of Supervisors	HELD	Next: 03/06/18
03/06/18	Board of Supervisors	HELD	Next: 03/20/18