

with State Parks grant administrators and the Parks Commission to make project recommendations best suited for this Program. The Parks Commission recommended the following criteria be applied to the selection of projects for Program funding:

1. Project meets Program criteria
2. Project can be completed during performance period
3. Project is not easily funded through alternative sources
4. Project is consistent with General Plan Standards and Draft Park & Trail Master Plan
5. Matching funds are available
6. Project benefits health and safety
7. Project is on land that meets the tenure requirements of the Program

After consideration of these criteria and in consultation with the Parks Commission, staff recommends application of Program funding for the following projects:

Dutch Flat Pool Improvements

Total Project Cost:	\$175,000	
Program Funds:	\$140,000	
Matching Funds:	\$35,000	Area #3, Colfax, Park Dedication Fees (Previously allocated by your Board on April 13, 2021)

Description: Dutch Flat Pool has an aged wooden restroom that lacks ADA access. Volunteers from the Dutch Flat Pool Board have worked with County staff to purchase and install a newly permitted septic system. This project would construct a new 2-stall restroom building and ADA-compliant ramp to access the new restrooms. The Dutch Flat Pool is located at 1045 Mattel Drive in Dutch Flat on property owned by the Dutch Flat Swimming Pool, Inc. non-profit volunteer organization (Pool Org.). Placer County has operated the pool under agreement since 1966. On April 13, 2021, your Board approved a new 27-year operating agreement that satisfies the land tenure requirements of the Program (30 years of land tenure beginning on July 1, 2018). On April 13, 2021, your Board also approved the use of \$35,000 in Area #3, Colfax Area Park Dedication Fees.

Griffith Quarry Park & Museum Improvements

Total Project Cost:	\$353,610	
Program Funds:	\$127,610	
Matching Funds:	\$226,000	existing Griffith Quarry Project, PJ00185

Description: In 2015, Parks staff began working with an ad hoc group of the Horseshoe Bar/Penryn Municipal Advisory Council to plan an improvement project to update aging infrastructure at Griffith Quarry Park in Penryn. The group identified priority improvements, including replacing safety fencing around the historic granite quarry as necessary, upgrading the interpretive signage, improvements to fencing along the existing 3-mile trail system, vegetation management for fire risk reduction, drainage and security improvements to the gravel parking lot, and the replacement of worn benches, tables, trash receptacles, and drinking fountains. The majority of funding for this project has been secured in an existing project account through prior allocation of Park Dedication Fees in the amount of \$100,000, General Fund contributions in the amount of \$76,000, and a generous \$50,000 gift from the Linda Atoms Estate. Work on the trail, fencing, and vegetation management has already begun. The Program funds would complete

the needed Project funding and be focused on the new interpretive elements, which will be an important upgrade to one of Placer County's premier historical sites.

Sheridan Park Improvement Project

Total Project Cost: \$239,000
Program Funds: \$191,200
Matching Funds: \$47,800 Area #11, Sheridan Area, Park Dedication Fees

Description: Sheridan Park, located off Camp Far West Road in Sheridan, contains the Stewart Hall as well as a playground. A former ball field is no longer maintained for sports activities and is only mowed for fire risk reduction. This project would revitalize Sheridan Park through reconstruction of the sports field, and other amenities such as a walking/running path and improved picnic facilities. An advisory group from the community will be assembled to assist with final design of the project.

Martis Valley Trail Project – Phase 1B2/3A

Total Project Cost: \$1,895,000
Program Funds: \$175,000
Matching Funds: \$1,720,000 Martis Valley Trail Project Account, PJ00065

Description: The Martis Valley Trail (MVT) will be a 10-foot-wide, 10.2-mile long multiple-use paved trail extending from the southern limits of the Town of Truckee across the United States Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) Martis Creek Lake Recreation Area, along Highway 267 to Northstar Drive. It will then go cross country to Northstar Village and terminate at US Forest Service Road 73 (Tahoe Rim Trail). The MVT is also a segment of the planned Resort Triangle Loop Trail that will connect the communities of Tahoe City, Squaw Valley, Truckee, Martis Valley, Northstar, and Tahoe Vista and one day connect to the Tahoe Bikeway that will extend around the entirety of Lake Tahoe.

1.26 miles of the MVT has been constructed from the Truckee Town limits into Martis Valley at the westerly boundary of the USACE property, and Segment 3B from the easterly boundary of the USACE property to Northstar Drive is now under construction. Segment 1B2 is under construction, and Segment 3A is anticipated to begin construction in Spring 2022. Completion of these segments will provide continuous paved pathway between the Town of Truckee and Northstar Drive. Future unfunded segments will extend the pathway into Northstar Village and into the Tahoe Basin. This new recommendation to utilize \$175,000 in Program Funds for the Segments 1B2/3A of the Martis Valley Trail Project will allow remaining funding in the Project Account to leverage future grant opportunities to complete unfunded elements and complete the entire 10.2-mile trail.

Projects Removed from Recommendation

Staff is recommending two projects be removed from consideration of Program funding that were included in your Board's original consideration of projects on January 14, 2020. The first of those projects is the Sterling Point Equestrian Staging Area Restroom. Originally proposed for \$25,000 in Program funding, staff now considers that the project is not likely shovel ready for construction during the Program performance period, and there is sufficient funding available in local Park Dedication Fees to complete the project.

The second project that is being recommended for removal from Program Funding is the Bear River Campground Potable Water System. The Bear River Campground is located on land owned by the State of California. The campground is operated by Placer County under an operating agreement with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife that expires in November 2022. Given the pending expiration, the Project does not meet the requisite land tenure requirement for eligibility. The Project was originally proposed to receive \$175,000 in Program funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed improvements at Griffith Quarry, Sheridan Park, and Dutch Flat Pool are Categorically Exempt from CEQA review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301, "Existing Facilities", 15303, "New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures" and 15304, "Minor Alterations to Land" of the CEQA Guidelines.

For the Martis Valley Trail Project, Northstar Community Services District is the lead agency for the project pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15367. NCSD certified a Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the Martis Valley Trail Project (SCH#2010122057) in 2012. The proposed action is consistent with the certified FEIR. In addition, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers published a Final Environmental Assessment and signed a Finding of No Significant Impact for the Martis Valley Trail Right-of-Way Project on January 4, 2021, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

FISCAL IMPACT

Receipt of \$633,810 from the Program will augment existing Parks' project funding. A FY 2021-22 Budget amendment #AM-00556, in the CC12085 Parks and Grounds Capital Improvements, is required to appropriate the anticipated grant funds.

A budget amendment #AM-00565 is also required to allocate Park Dedication Fees in the amounts of \$47,800 from Recreation Area #11, Sheridan Area, to the Parks and Grounds Capital Improvements Budget for use as required grant matching funds. If approved by your Board, the remaining fund balance of Recreation Area #11 would be \$7,677.

Ongoing maintenance of each of the proposed projects would be provided through existing funding sources within the Parks and Open Space Operating Budget.

ATTACHMENTS

Location Map

