

**MEMORANDUM
DEPARTMENT OF FACILITY SERVICES
COUNTY OF PLACER**

To: **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Date: **JANUARY 21, 2014**

From: **MARY DEITRICH / MARK RIDEOUT**

Subject: **HOUSING RELATED PARK GRANT – MARTIS VALLEY TRAIL**

ACTION REQUESTED/RECOMMENDATION: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Director of Facility Services, or designee, to submit an application for \$240,000 to the State Department of Housing and Community Development's Housing Related Parks Program to fund construction of a portion of the Martis Valley Trail, and to execute any and all documents on behalf of the County that are necessary for said application.

BACKGROUND: The Housing Related Parks Program (HRP) provides non-competitive grant opportunities that derive funding from the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006 (Proposition 1C). This year, the HRP will provide park/recreational development funding to cities and counties based on the number and nature of building permits issued for low income housing units during the preceding 3½ years. In order to qualify, the number of eligible units must reach a threshold level to qualify for a minimum grant value of \$75,000 according to detailed criteria. Under HRP guidelines, the 75-unit Domus Development in Kings Beach allows Placer County to qualify for a \$240,000 grant.

For many years, Placer County has worked with community members and the Northstar Community Service District (NSCSD) to develop the Martis Valley Trail (MVT). This 10-foot wide paved Class 1 Bike Path will ultimately stretch 10.40-miles from the Town of Truckee through Martis Valley and Northstar to Brockway Summit. NSCSD is the lead agency for environmental review, design, and construction of the MVT. Environmental review is complete for the entire length of the MVT, and construction documents are complete for the Phase 1 segment. This portion is 1.76-miles in length, extending from Truckee to the Martis Valley Wildlife Viewing Area, and the construction cost is estimated at \$3 Million. NSCSD indicates that construction will commence in Summer 2014.

Phase 1 construction funding includes grants secured by NSCSD, and \$400,000 in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding administered by the Department of Public Works. Additionally, the Parks Commission recommends allocating \$2.25 Million from Placer County Park Dedication Fee Area #1 (PDF). Staff recommends applying for a \$240,000 HRP grant to support Phase 1 construction, which will in turn leverage PDF funding to support subsequent phases of the MVT and/or other public recreation projects in the North Tahoe/Martis Valley Area. Grant guidelines require that applications be submitted by January 22, 2014, and the HRP program requires that grant funds be spent within three years of award. Although Placer County will hold the MVT trail easements, ongoing maintenance will be funded by NSCSD and the existing Martis Valley CSA Zone of Benefit #194. This results in no ongoing net county cost for MVT maintenance.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE: Adoption of this Resolution by definition does not constitute a project pursuant to CEQA Section 15378(b)(4&5). All work contemplated by this grant application is consistent with the Final EIR adopted by the Board of Directors of the Northstar Community Services District for the Martis Valley Trail (State Clearinghouse No. 2010122057).

FISCAL IMPACT: The application for \$240,000 in HRP funding would augment other funding sources for construction of the MVT and this action would have no impact on the General Fund. There are no match requirements for HRP funding, and management of an awarded grant would be accomplished by existing Facility Services' staff.

MD:MR:JR:AF:KT

ATTACHMENT: RESOLUTION

CC: COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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Before the Board of Supervisors County of Placer, State of California

In the matter of: **AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR
HOUSING RELATED PARKS GRANT**

Resol. No. _____

The following RESOLUTION was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held _____, 2014, by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attest: Clerk of said Board

WHEREAS, The State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development (Department) has issued a Notice of Funding Availability dated October 2, 2013 (NOFA), under its Housing-Related Parks (HRP) Program; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Placer, State of California (Applicant) desires to apply for a HRP Program grant and submit the 2013 Designated Program Year Application Package released by the Department for the HRP Program; and,

WHEREAS, the Department is authorized to approve funding allocations for the HRP Program, subject to the terms and conditions of the NOFA, Program Guidelines, Application Package, and Standard Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

1. The Applicant is hereby authorized and directed to apply for and submit to the Department the HRP Program Application Package released October 2013 for the 2013 Designated Program Year. If the application is approved, the Applicant is hereby authorized and directed to enter into, execute, and deliver a State of California Standard Agreement (Standard Agreement), and any and all other documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate to secure the HRP Program Grant from the Department, and all amendments thereto (collectively, the "HRP Grant Documents").
2. Applicant shall be subject to the terms and conditions as specified in the Standard Agreement. Funds are to be used for allowable capital asset project expenditures to be identified in Exhibit A of the Standard Agreement. The application in full is incorporated as part of the Standard Agreement. Any and all activities funded, information provided, and timelines represented in the application are enforceable through the Standard Agreement. Applicant hereby agrees to use the funds for eligible capital asset(s) in the manner presented in the application as approved by the Department and in accordance with the NOFA and Program Guidelines and Application Package.
3. That the Director of Facility Services or designee is authorized to execute in the name of Applicant the HRP Program Application Package and the HRP Grant Documents as required by the Department for participation in the HRP Program.

