

City Council
City of Sebastopol

RESOLUTION NO. 6183

Resolution of the City Council of the City of Sebastopol, authorizing the submittal of an application for funding for up to a \$181,000 grant to the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District's Matching Grant Program for the AmeriCorps Trail Improvement Project, located in the City of Sebastopol's Laguna de Santa Rosa Wetlands Preserve east of Morris Street and to the west of the Laguna channel; determining that the project is consistent with the City of Sebastopol General Plan; acknowledging that there are sufficient match funds and fund to operate and maintain the project; and authorizing the City Manager to sign and submit all required documentation for the application and grant agreement documents, if awarded.

Whereas, in accordance with the voter-approved Expenditure Plan, the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District (District) has established a competitive Matching Grant Program (the Program) for projects that provide open space, community recreation, or public access opportunities within and near incorporated areas and other urbanized areas of Sonoma County; and

Whereas, the District released Guidelines and Application Materials for the 2018 round of funding on January 31, 2018; and

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Sebastopol has identified the AmeriCorps Trail Improvement Project (Project) in the Laguna de Santa Rosa Wetlands Preserve as a priority project for implementation under the General Plan, and the Laguna Preserve Management Plan; and

Whereas, the City of Sebastopol acknowledges that the Project would be competitive under the District's 2018 Program Guidelines as an improvement project that will enhance access to and within the Wetlands Preserve project and will provide, at relatively low cost, critical pedestrian connections and access in the Wetlands Preserve, and is being implemented in conjunction with a native plant restoration project on a portion of the Trail route implemented by the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation, and is also consistent with and supportive of a previously-funded Matching Grant project within the Preserve on Meadowlark Field; and

Whereas, the District's Program requires applicants to provide a one-to-one matching contribution for the project; and

Whereas, the City of Sebastopol has secured or will secure matching funds, other grants, or in-kind contributions as required under the Program, which may include but may not be limited to: design costs incurred by the City for Improvement Project design; capital improvement funding from the City's Park In-Lieu Fee Fund; the restoration grant obtained by the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation targeted in one area of the Improvement Project; future maintenance of the improvements by the Department of Public Works; and potential other grants; and with the understanding that matching requirements are subject to verification in the Grant application process.

Whereas, the total project cost for the construction of the Project is estimated at \$181,000, including District Grant requested funds, matching funds, and any other funds, but not including in-kind contributions and grants relating to the project obtained by other entities; and

Whereas, if implemented, the City of Sebastopol will operate and maintain the Project, which will be the

responsibility of the City; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the City Council of the City of Sebastopol hereby finds, determines, declares, and orders as follows:

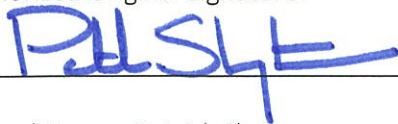
1. Truth of Recitals. That the forgoing recitations are true and correct.
2. The Planning Director of the City of Sebastopol is hereby authorized to submit an application for funding to the District's Program in an amount not to exceed \$181,000.
3. General Plan Consistency. That the Project is consistent with the City's General Plan, specifically under Conservation and Open Space Element Policy COS-4-4, Conservation and Open Space Element Actions COS 4a, 4b, and 4d; Conservation and Open Space Element Policies 12-4 and 12-10; and Community Services and Facilities Element Policies CSF 2-4 and 2-10.
4. Grant Agreement. The City Manager of the City of Sebastopol is hereby authorized to conduct all negotiations and submit and sign all documents, including but not limited to, application, matching grant agreement, conservation easement, recreation covenant, irrevocable offer(s) of dedication, amendments, reimbursement requests and so on, which may be necessary for completion of the project.
5. Matching Funds. If awarded funding, the City of Sebastopol has or will have available matching funds and sufficient funds to complete the project.
6. Operation and Maintenance. The City of Sebastopol has or will have available sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project, if awarded funding.
7. Program Guidelines. The City of Sebastopol has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the provisions contained in the Program Guidelines.
8. Legal Compliance. The City of Sebastopol acknowledges that if the Project is funded, it will be required to comply with all federal state and local laws.

Passed and adopted at a meeting of the City Council of the City of Sebastopol on April 17, 2018.

VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers Carnacchi, Glass, Gurney, Vice Mayor Hinton and Mayor Slayter
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Authorized Original Signature:



Printed Name: Patrick Slayter
Title: Mayor

Clerk Signature:



Printed Name: Mary Gourley
Title: City Clerk