



**Consideration of Award of Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program
for Pittsburg Boat Launch Facility and Central Harbor Park Upgrade Planning
Staff Recommendation**

This agenda item presents for Board consideration a recommendation to award Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program funding for the Pittsburg Boat Launch Facility and Central Harbor Park Upgrade Planning project.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Applicant	City of Pittsburg
Project Number	P6806
Project Type	Planning
County	Contra Costa
Funding Request	\$172,155
Total Project Cost	\$182,617
Funding Recommendation	\$172,155
Applicant	City of Pittsburg

RECOMMENDATION

Conservancy staff recommends that the Board approve up to \$172,155 in grant funding for the Pittsburg Boat Launch Facility and Central Harbor Park Upgrade Planning (#P6806) proposed by the City of Pittsburg. Conservancy staff prepared the text below based on staff’s best understanding of the information provided in the application and meetings with staff of the City of Pittsburg Environmental Services Division. Staff followed the Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program Grant Guidelines, approved by the Conservancy Board December 2019, in working with the applicant and assessing this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

This proposed project from the City of Pittsburg (City) entails completing planning documents and public outreach for future enhancements to the Boat Launch Facility and Central Harbor Park (BLF and Park). These enhancements will include improved paths of travel, new public restrooms, tourist-targeted signs and viewing benches, educational signage, a fish cleaning station, picnic tables, a play structure, and additional security infrastructure. Enhanced security features include, but are not limited to, improved site lighting and placement of a prefabricated police substation. To achieve readiness to implement these enhancements, this grant will fund completion of design plans, including all documents necessary for implementation, with review at 35 percent, 65 percent, and 90 percent completion. Additionally, grant funds will be used to further engage community members and other BLF and Park stakeholders to assure the design plans address community needs.

The project area is located directly on the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta waterfront in a historically high-traffic area, receiving attention from boaters, hunters, fishers, joggers, and more. The City has had significant input from local residents and businesses to determine the components to be included in this upgrade. As shown in Figure 1, the project area is adjacent to two communities: A homeowner's association (HOA)-governed community of single-family housing and a severely disadvantaged community (SDAC) of multi-family housing. Both communities express dismay at the state of the walkways, despair of restrooms, and overall lack of safety, yet praise the views and easy access to the water. Project goals include maximizing safe, public access and recreation opportunities and protecting the unique character of the Delta.

The City is committed to securing grant funding for the BLF and Park Upgrade implementation phase. To date, the City has spent more than \$70,000 on activities related to the project including: the installation of a PG&E transformer, completion of existing infrastructure surveys and maps, filing a CEQA Notice of Exemption, securing a planning consultant through a competitive process, and initiating community outreach to guide the project.

Severely Disadvantaged Community (SDAC)

Proposition 68 requires that at least 20 percent of all funding be spent on projects that serve severely disadvantaged communities (PRC 45 Sec. 80008(a)(1)), defined as "a community with a median household income less than 60 percent of the statewide average." Data collected through Income Certification for Compliance with the Redevelopment Agency of the City showed that the Marina Heights community of 200 households (over 400 residents) had a median household income (MHI) of \$25,780 in 2018. According to the U.S. Census Bureau's 2018 American Community Survey (ACS): 1 Year Estimate, the statewide 2018 MHI was \$75,277. The Marina Heights MHI is 34 percent of the statewide MHI. These 400-plus residents live within 500 feet of the project area and will benefit from the park renovations. Community engagement undertaken as part of this planning project will include specific efforts to further engage members of the SDAC community.

Cost Share

The City will contribute \$10,462 in staff time.

CONSISTENCY WITH STATE AND LOCAL PRIORITIES

The project is consistent with Proposition 68, the Conservancy's enabling legislation (Public Resources Code sections 32300-32381) and strategic plan. External to the Conservancy, this project is consistent with priorities outlined in the Delta Stewardship Council's Delta Plan, the Delta Protection Commission's Economic Sustainability Plan and the Contra Costa County's Northern Waterfront Initiative, a local priority. Additionally, the project furthers the California Natural Resources Agency priority of expanding access to parks, natural places, and outdoor recreation for all Californians.

LOCAL AND INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT

The proposal includes letters of support from the immediately surrounding community: Marina Heights Residential Community; the New York Landing HOA; the Fishermen’s Catch Bait Shop owner and local developer Global Resources Trading, LLC; the Pittsburg Yacht Club; and the Pittsburg Marina Harbormaster. Additionally, institutional support is evident by letters of support from the Pittsburg City Council, the California State Lands Commission, the Pittsburg Police Department, the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail, and an email from the State Coastal Conservancy. The Delta Protection Commission reviewed and provided feedback on the proposal.

BACKGROUND

Proposition 68 is the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 (Public Resources Code Division 45) that made \$12,000,000 available to the Conservancy for uses specified in its governing statute (Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Act, Public Resources Codes, Division 22.3). The Conservancy will use Proposition 68 funds to support projects in the Conservancy’s Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program). Unlike traditional grant programs, this program was designed to allow Conservancy staff to collaborate with project applicants to develop proposals that meet the Conservancy and Proposition 68 goals. When applicants submit concept proposals, staff review the proposal to assess viability and appropriateness with program goals. If the concept proposal is suitable, staff then work with applicants on development of a full proposal for consideration of Proposition 68 funding. Pittsburg Boat Launch Facility and Central Harbor Park Upgrade Planning is the first full project proposal to be presented to the Conservancy Board.

SUGGESTED MOTION LANGUAGE

Move to award funding up to \$172,155 to the City of Pittsburg from the Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program for the Pittsburg Boat Launch Facility and Central Harbor Park Upgrade Planning project.

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BOAT LAUNCH FACILITY AND CENTRAL HARBOR PARK UPGRADE PLANNING PROJECT AREA

