



Consideration of Award of Climate, Access, and Restoration (CAR) Grant Funds for the Central Harbor Park and Boat Launch Facility Upgrade Implementation Project Staff Recommendation

This agenda item presents for Board consideration a recommendation to award CAR Program funding for the Central Harbor Park and Boat Launch Facility Upgrade Implementation Project (Project).

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Applicant	City of Pittsburg
Project ID	CAR06
Project Type	Implementation
County	Contra Costa
Funding Request	\$3,544,395
Total Project Cost	\$3,791,113
Funding Recommendation	\$3,544,395

RECOMMENDATION

Conservancy staff recommends that the Board approve up to \$3,544,395 in grant funding for the Central Harbor Park and Boat Launch Facility Upgrade Implementation Project (CAR06) 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 from the City of Pittsburg. Staff followed the General Grant Guidelines, approved by the Conservancy Board in November 2022, in working with the applicant and assessing this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

This project will fund the construction of improvements to the Central Harbor Park and Boat Launch Facility. The overall purpose and goal of the Central Harbor Park and Boat Launch Facility Upgrade Implementation Project are to: a) Increase community access to the traditional waterfront and Delta, b) Provide economic and tourism benefits in the Delta, c) Provide environmental, historical, and sustainable Delta education. The Project will achieve this by upgrading the parking lots, paths of travel, shade structure, boat launch ramp approach, installing of vandal and break-in-proof restrooms, enhancing facility lighting, installing of educational signage, a public safety substation, landscaping to prevent erosion, shade trees, public fire pits, leasable event space, and a fish cleaning station.

The Project will revitalize Pittsburg’s downtown waterfront park, adjacent parking lot, and boat launch facilities. The Project was derived from community input and concerns of climate resiliency, degradation of the park and restrooms, aging infrastructure, and safety concerns.

With the implementation of the Central Harbor Park and Boat Launch Facility, the community will see an improvement in community physical and mental health, climate resiliency, desire to visit the

park and waterfront, and inclusive access to the park, trails, and waterfront within the community. In 2021 the Delta Conservancy Board awarded a planning grant of \$172,155 to complete planning documents and public outreach for enhancements to the Central Harbor and Boat Launch Facility. The City of Pittsburg has completed 90% design plans and is working to complete final reports and invoices.

SEVERELY DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY (SDAC)

The City of Pittsburg received funding under Proposition 68 for the planning phase of the project (P6804). Proposition 68 requires that at least 20 percent of all funding be spent on projects that serve severely disadvantaged communities, which are defined as “a community with a median household income less than 60 percent of the statewide average” (PRC 45 Sec. 80008(a)(1)). 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 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 during the planning project included specific efforts to engage members of the SDAC community.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

This implementation effort is considered a project under the California Environmental Quality Act. As the Lead Agency, the City of Pittsburg prepared a Notice of Exemption (NOE) for the Central Harbor Park and Boat Launch Facility project during the planning phase of the project. However, due to a change in scope, which provides for fewer onsite improvements, the City will submit a new NOE under the same categorical exemption. The new NOE will be provided to the Conservancy as a project deliverable.

COST SHARE

The City of Pittsburg will contribute \$246,718 in cost share. Cost share will be a combination of in-kind services and cash from outside state and city funded programs represented in the below table.

Source of Funds	Cash	In-Kind	Status
Community Development and Public Works Staff Time	-	\$ 50,000	Secured
Marina Staff Time	-	\$ 25,967	Secured
Environmental Services Staff Time	-	\$ 7,000	Secured
Police Department Staff Time	-	\$ 3,450	Secured
CalRecycle -Beverage Container Recycling Grant	\$ 12,765	-	Secured
Waterfront & Solid Waste Funds 540 & 210	\$ 138,738	-	Secured
BAAQMD -Vehicle Trip Reduction Grant Program	\$ 8,798	-	Potential
Total	\$ 160,301	\$ 86,417	\$ 246,718

The City of Pittsburg will contribute in-kind staff time for Public Works, Marina, Environmental Services, and Police staff. The CalRecycle grant will pay for recycling containers. The City’s Waterfront and Solid Waste funds will purchase mulch, and trees, as well as covering outside agency

permit costs. The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) Vehicle Trip Reduction funding program will be used to purchase bicycle racks.

CONSISTENCY WITH STATE AND LOCAL PRIORITIES

The project is consistent with, and links to, multiple actions and priorities outlined in the Conservancy's governing statute, the Conservancy's Strategic Plan, and the Delta Plan. The project will provide public access to the Delta, increase recreation and tourism opportunities, foster health and wellness, preserve the unique cultural environment of the Delta region, promote environmental education, and increase the economic vitality of the region.

LOCAL AND INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT

The proposal demonstrates local support and includes four letters of support from institutions and community members. The applicant submitted letters of support from the Pittsburg Marina Harbor Master and Pittsburg Yacht Club.

The planning portion of the Project included community input and outreach. The City of Pittsburg held an in-person event at the Central Harbor Park to engage with community members, developed a specific project webpage, shared social media posts, and mailed post cards.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

This Project is the implementation phase of a planning project (P6804), the Boat Launch Facility and Central Harbor Park Upgrade Planning Project, funded through a Delta Conservancy Proposition 68 grant.

BACKGROUND

Chaptered on September 6, 2022, the Amended Budget Act of 2022 (Assembly Bill 179, Item 3875-101-0001 of Section 111) provided the Conservancy with \$6,125,000 for projects that support climate resilience, community access, and natural resource protection activities (collectively known as Climate, Access, and Resource (CAR22) Funding). Of the total, up to \$5,818,250 is available for projects.

SUGGESTED MOTION LANGUAGE

Move to award funding up to \$3,544,395 to the City of Pittsburg from the Climate Access and Resource (CAR) Grant Program for the Central Harbor Park and Boat Launch Facility Upgrade Implementation Project.

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FIGURE 1. MAP OF CENTRAL HARBOR PARK AND BOAT LAUNCH FACILITY

