



**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Vyto Adomaitis, Neighborhood Services and Public Safety Director

**CONTACT:** JoAnne Plummer, Parks and Recreation Manager

**SUBJECT:** Authorization to Submit Two Applications to the California Department of State Parks for Proposition 68 Grant Funds

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- A. Adopt Resolution No. 20-\_\_\_, entitled “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California Approving the Application for Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program Grant Funds for the Community Garden, San Jose Multi-Purpose Bike Path and Other Improvements at Armitos Park”.
- B. Adopt Resolution No. 20-\_\_\_, entitled “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California Approving the Application for Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program Grant Funds for the Splash Pad and Other Improvements at Jonny D. Wallis Neighborhood Park”.

**BACKGROUND:**

In June of 2018, California voters passed Proposition 68 (Prop 68), the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018, creating the opportunity for communities to apply for available Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program Grant Funds through a competitive process. A requirement for grant eligibility is that conditions in the park area to be improved have a ratio of less than three acres of park space per 1,000 residents or that the median household income is lower than \$51,026 within a half-mile radius.

Upon review of current park-related projects, staff identified two projects that would be eligible for Prop 68 funds and are significant to Goleta’s Old Town.

The City Council approved Capital Improvement Project (CIP) 9084, a Community Garden, to be placed behind the play structure at Armitos Park and allocated \$895,095 in Park Development Impact Fees (DIF) for this project. The project is currently in the design phase and is an eligible project for the Proposition 68 funding.

Armitos Park currently has a walkway, bench and small playground. Current planned improvements, shown in Attachment 1, include the addition of a community garden and the expansion of the San Jose Creek Bike Path from Jonny D. Wallis Neighborhood Park to Armitos Avenue. This competitive grant process provides the opportunity for the City to consider other improvements to this property, to include additional landscaping, accessibility and safety lighting.

Another eligible project would be the installation of the Splash Pad at Jonny D. Wallis Neighborhood Park. This recreation amenity was included and approved by City Council in the original design of the park but was incorporated as phase two of the project due to water restrictions by the Goleta Water District at the time of construction. As of April 9, 2019, the stage 2 and stage 3 water restrictions have been lifted and the recirculating splash pad amenity is currently in the design phase for construction. This project also includes additional improvements to include shade features, fencing and some security features.

The attached resolutions have been prepared for the improvements of Armitos Park (Attachment 2) and for the design and installation of the Splash Pad at Jonny D. Wallis Park (Attachment 3) and authorize the City Manager to approve and execute a State of California Standard Agreement and any other necessary documents associated with the award of the grant if one or both applications are successful.

Grant application deadlines have been extended to March 12, 2021, with awards announced by September 30, 2021. If awarded, grant funds must be expended by June 30, 2025 with the project completed no later than March 30, 2025 to allow three months for the processing of the paperwork. Because Proposition 68 passed in June of 2018, all expenses incurred from July 1, 2018 may be eligible for reimbursement.

## **DISCUSSION:**

This is the second and final round of the Proposition 68 Statewide Park Program funding. The City of Goleta applied for funding of these two projects during the previous round but was not successful. The feedback received was related to the significant number of applications that were received by the state during the earlier round. Additionally, although Old Town Goleta is considered to have a median family low-income level of \$70,250 (for a household of four) in Santa Barbara County, this grant process identifies median family low-income as below \$56,982, which is 80% of the state average. The application process guarantees a percentage of available funds be dedicated to projects within the Disadvantage Community Category. This leaves all projects not meeting this requirement competing for remaining funds. The previous round had only \$254,942,000 available, while this round has \$395,300,000 available. Over \$250 million in projects were already funded in the last round; these projects will not be competing for this current funding cycle.

If awarded, the current Park DIF funds, local Measure A grant and discretionary funds and local Transportation DIF funds that have been budgeted for these projects could be used for additional improvements or reallocated for other City projects not eligible for Prop 68 fund consideration.

**GOLETA STRATEGIC PLAN:**

**City-Wide Strategy:** Support Community Vitality and Enhanced Recreational Opportunities.

**Strategic Goal:** Support programs that enhance quality of life in the Goleta community such as recreation, public safety, human services, and cultural arts.

**City-Wide Strategy:** Return Old Town to a Vital Center of the City.

**Strategic Goal:** Support the continued vigor and vitality in Old Town.

**FISCAL IMPACTS:**

While there are no fiscal impacts from applying for Prop 68 funds, there are staff resources required for the application process, which is covered within existing budget allocations.

It should be noted that the proposed projects have not completed the final design phase with updated cost estimates, which may exceed allocated funding. Also, there are no funds currently appropriated for the accessibility improvements to Armitos Park.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The City Council may elect not to approve either resolution allowing staff to submit the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program grant applications, but this could eliminate potential additional funds needed to complete the community garden and necessary improvements to Armitos Park. The Splash Pad project has current funding allocated, based on cost estimates received in early 2018.

**Reviewed By:**

**Legal Review By:**

**Approved By:**



Kristine Schmidt  
Assistant City Manager



Michael Jenkins  
City Attorney



Michelle Greene  
City Manager

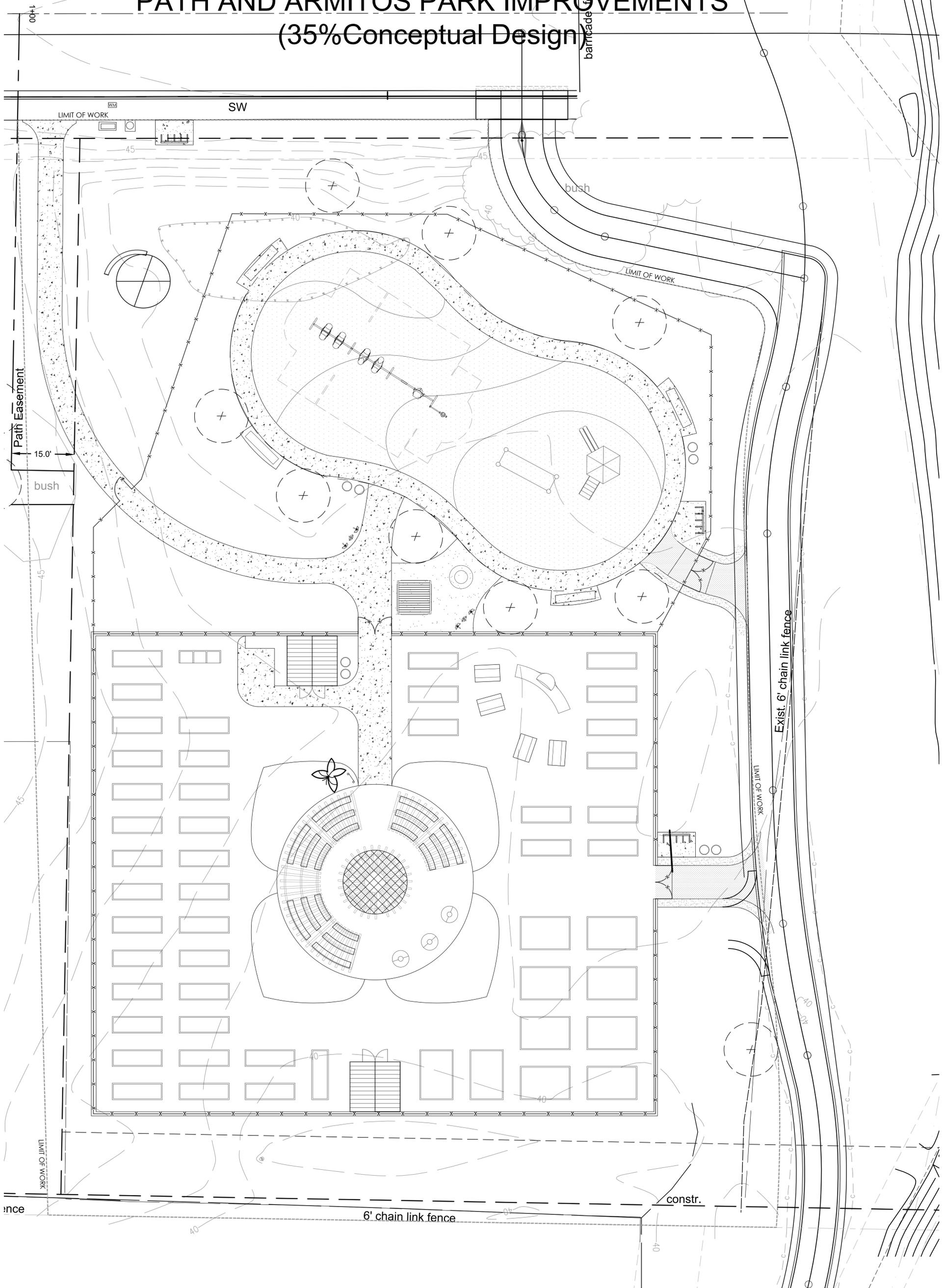
**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Map of Armitos Park
2. Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta Approving the Application for Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program Grant Funds for the Community Garden, San Jose Multi-Purpose Bike Path and Other Improvements at Armitos park.
3. Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta Approving the Application for Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program Grant Funds for the Splash Pad and Other Improvements at Jonny D. Wallis Neighborhood Park.

**ATTACHMENT 1**

Armitos Park Diagram

# COMMUNITY GARDEN, SAN JOSE CREEK MULTI-PURPOSE PATH AND ARMITOS PARK IMPROVEMENTS (35% Conceptual Design)



**ATTACHMENT 2**

Resolution for the Community Garden, San Jose Creek Multi-Purpose Path and Armitos Park Improvements

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, CALIFORNIA APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR STATEWIDE PARK DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS FOR THE COMMUNITY GARDEN, SAN JOSE MULTI-PURPOSE BIKE PATH AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS AT ARMITOS PARK**

**WHEREAS**, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility by the Legislature of the State of California for the administration of the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Grant Program, setting up necessary procedures governing the application; and

**WHEREAS**, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the Applicant to certify by resolution the approval of the application before submission of said application to the State; and

**WHEREAS**, successful Applicants will enter into a contract with the State of California to complete the Grant Scope project;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Goleta hereby:

**APPROVES THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE COMMUNITY GARDEN, SAN JOSE CREEK MULTI-PURPOSE PATH AND ARMITOS PARK IMPROVEMENTS; AND**

**SECTION 1.** Certifies that said Applicant has or will have available, prior to commencement of any work on the project included in this application, the sufficient funds to complete the project; and

**SECTION 2.** Certifies that if the project is awarded, the Applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project, and

**SECTION 3.** Certifies that the Applicant has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the contract shown in the Grant Administration Guide; and

**SECTION 4.** Delegates the authority to the City Manager to conduct all negotiations, sign and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the Grant Scope; and

**SECTION 5.** Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and guidelines.

**SECTION 6.** Will consider promoting inclusion per Public Resources Code §80001(b) (8 A-G).

**SECTION 7.** The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December 2020.**

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PAULA PEROTTE  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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DEBORAH S. LOPEZ  
CITY CLERK

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MICHAEL JENKINS  
CITY ATTORNEY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA            )  
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA )     ss.  
CITY OF GOLETA                )

I, DEBORAH S. LOPEZ, City Clerk of the City of Goleta, California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution No. 20-\_\_ was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Goleta at a regular meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2020 by the following roll call vote of the City Council:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

(SEAL)

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DEBORAH S. LOPEZ  
CITY CLERK

**ATTACHMENT 3**

Resolution for the Splash Pad and Other Improvements at Jonny D. Wallis  
Neighborhood Park

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-\_\_****A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, CALIFORNIA APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR STATEWIDE PARK DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS FOR THE SPLASH PAD AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS AT JONNY D. WALLIS NEIGHBORHOOD PARK**

**WHEREAS**, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility by the Legislature of the State of California for the administration of the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Grant Program, setting up necessary procedures governing the application; and

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**WHEREAS**, successful Applicants will enter into a contract with the State of California to complete the Grant Scope project;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Goleta hereby:

**APPROVES THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE SPLASH PAD AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS AT JONNY D. WALLIS NEIGHBORHOOD PARK; AND**

**SECTION 1.** Certifies that said Applicant has or will have available, prior to commencement of any work on the project included in this application, the sufficient funds to complete the project; and

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