



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

AGENDA ITEM

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DATE: July 16, 2024

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TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT

**RECEIVE STATE FUNDING FOR SUPPORT OF THE PILLARS OF THE
COMMUNITY GARDEN AND GATHERING SPACE (DISTRICT: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

The 2024 Legislative Program was approved and adopted by the Board of Supervisors on December 5, 2023 (13). The 2024 Legislative Program included key legislative initiatives, priorities, and policy guidelines. Included in the Priorities section was language and direction to “actively pursue all available funding to lift up and invest in our communities to ensure the San Diego region receives its fair share.”

In response to this direction, the Fiscal Year 2023-24 State Budget included community projects at the request of Senate President pro Tempore Emeritus Toni Atkins that provide a direct benefit to our region. These funds are designed for local municipalities with community-based organizations designated as sub-recipients. One of these grants is for the Pillars of the Community to support their development of a community garden and gathering space located at 6821 Imperial Ave., San Diego, CA 92114.

Today’s requested action is to approve receipt of State funds, adopt the related Resolution, establish necessary appropriations, and enter into a grant agreement with the State of California and Pillars of the Community to support the garden and gathering space.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Authorize the acceptance of a grant of up to \$100,000 in funds from the State of California, Natural Resources Agency, Department of Parks and Recreation Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS) for the purpose of providing services in support of the development of the garden and gathering space.
2. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, or designee, to execute all required funding documents and agreements with the State of California, including any extensions, amendments, and/or revisions thereto that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level.

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3. Establish appropriations of \$100,000 in the Office of Economic Development and Government Affairs, Salaries & Benefits (\$10,000) and Services & Supplies (\$90,000), for administration and implementation of the State-directed grant, based on unanticipated revenue from the State of California. **(4 VOTES)**
4. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, or designee, upon successful negotiations, to execute grant agreements or any document or amendment with Pillars of the Community for the implementation of the State-directed grant and to support the development of a garden and gathering space.
5. Adopt a Resolution entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO RELATING TO RECEIVING STATE FUNDING FOR SUPPORT OF THE PILLARS OF THE COMMUNITY GARDEN AND GATHERING SPACE as required by the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, for the purposes of administering this grant.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

In an effort to address unmet needs in underserved communities, the California State Legislature allocated project-specific funding that focuses investments on programs that serve communities with unmet needs. This grant provides needed funding for the further development of a community garden and gathering space that will serve as a cherished community resource for not only Southeast San Diego but the entire San Diego region.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The County of San Diego partners with local community-based organizations to innovate and implement programs that serve the public good. The acceptance and transfer of funding from the State of California to Pillars of the Community provides the County of San Diego an opportunity to participate and help support Pillars of the Community in their efforts to highlight the history of the organization.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are not included in the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Operational Plan. If approved, this request will result in costs and revenue of up to \$100,000 in Fiscal Year 2024-25. The funding source is unanticipated revenue from the State of California, Natural Resources Agency, Department of Parks and Recreation Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS). Grant funds of \$10,000 will be retained by the County to support staff expenses for grant administration, monitoring and reporting throughout the grant period, as permitted by the grant agreement. Grant funds available to the County for administration of this grant are estimated in an amount sufficient to recover full cost as required by Board Policy B-29: Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts—Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery. Accordingly, there is no projected unrecovered cost and a waiver of Board Policy B-29 is not requested. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

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BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ADVISORY BOARD STATEMENT

N/A

BACKGROUND

Each year, the Office of Economic Development and Government Affairs (EDGA) prepares for adoption by the Board of Supervisors a Legislative Program. The 2024 Legislative Program was approved and adopted by the Board of Supervisors on December 5, 2023 (13). The 2024 Legislative Program included key legislative initiatives, priorities, and policy guidelines. Included in the Priorities section was language and direction to “actively pursue all available funding to lift up and invest in our communities to ensure the San Diego region receives its fair share.” Acceptance of this grant is consistent with this directive.

State Assembly Bill 102 (AB 102), the Budget Act of 2023, was signed by Governor Gavin Newsom on July 10, 2023. AB 102 included the following language:

Sec. 257: Section 19.561 is added to the Budget Act of 2023, to read:

(b)(53) \$100,000 for the County of San Diego for support of the Pillars of the Community garden and gathering space.

EDGA was notified in February 2024 that the funds are to be allocated by the State’s Office of Planning and Research and will be provided to the County of San Diego (County) by the California Natural Resources Agency Department of Parks and Recreation Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS). A portion of the funds from the State will be retained by the County for costs associated with grant administration, in alignment with Board Policy B-29: Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts—Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery.

Today’s action will authorize acceptance of the grant funding from the State of California, establish appropriations, approve the issuance of a grant agreement with the intended recipient, Pillars of the Community, and adopt a related resolution.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO STRATEGIC PLAN

Today’s proposed actions support the Community Initiative in the County of San Diego’s 2024-2029 Strategic Plan by inspiring civic engagement, facilitating meaningful conversations, and maximizing resources through community partnerships to benefit the region.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ebony N. Shelton', is centered within a light gray rectangular box.

EBONY N. SHELTON
Chief Administrative Officer

ATTACHMENT

Resolution entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO RELATING TO RECEIVING STATE FUNDING FOR SUPPORT
OF THE PILLARS OF THE COMMUNITY GARDEN AND GATHERING SPACE