

RESOLUTIONS

CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 26, 2003

To: Mayor and City Council
From: George J. Rodericks, City Manager

**SUBJECT: 2002 RESOURCES BOND ACT
ROBERTI-Z'BERG-HARRIS BLOCK GRANT ALLOCATION**

BACKGROUND

The 2002 California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 provides funding for the Roberti-Z'Berg-Harris Block Grant Program for eligible applicants. The City of Villa Park is an eligible applicant under the program administered by the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

The Grant Program is intended to meet the urgent need for safe, open, and accessible local park and recreational facilities for increased recreational opportunities that provide positive alternatives to social problems. As a means of addressing these critical neighborhood park needs, the 2002 Bond Act provides \$186.7 million in funds to implement the Roberti-Z'Berg-Harris Program. Portions of the Bond Act funds have been allocated as Block Grants and are allocated on a population-based formula to cities.

The City has received funding under the 2000 Bond Act in the amount of \$19,726, with matching funds of \$8,454, and used the funding to improve the City's trail system.

FINDINGS

Grants must be expended for high-priority Projects that satisfy the most urgent park and recreation needs, with emphasis on unmet needs in the most heavily populated and most economically disadvantaged areas within each jurisdiction. Grants to cities are intended to supplement - not supplant - local expenditures for park and recreation facilities. They are not to diminish in any way the current efforts to provide park and recreation services. A local match is required under the grant.

The City must use the funds and complete any authorized project by 2011. Examples of the types of projects that may be completed are:

- Acquisition projects to acquire open space, historic sites and structures (limited), and recreational property.
- Development or rehabilitation projects to restore historic sites within a park and recreation area, development of a park or recreational facility, trail improvement, and refurbishment of recreational facilities.

- Innovative recreational programs such as unmet social, cultural, and human service activities for individuals with disabilities, chronic and “new” poor, single parents, and senior citizens.

Allocations under the 2002 Resources Bond Act have been finalized and funds were included in the 2003/2004 State budget. The City of Villa Park will receive an allocation of \$16,721. Matching funds in the amount of \$7,166 are required.

The first step in the allocation process is the adoption of a resolution by the City certifying approval to apply for the allocation.

FISCAL IMPACT

Matching funds in the amount of \$7,166 are required toward any project.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2003-2707, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Villa Park authorizing an application for grant funds for the Robert-Z’Berg-Harris Block Grant Program under the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood, Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002.