

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
CHULA VISTA AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN
APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE SAN DIEGO
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS FOR THE CHULA VISTA
TRAILS MASTER PLAN AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY
MANAGER OR DESIGNEE(S) TO ACCEPT THE TERMS OF
THE GRANT AGREEMENT IF SELECTED FOR SUCH
FUNDING, EXECUTE ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND
ANY RELATED DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GRANT

WHEREAS, up to \$3 million of *TransNet* funding for Smart Growth Incentive Program (SGIP) Planning projects is available to local jurisdictions through the SGIP Program, and \$1 million of Regional Early Action Program (REAP) funding is available through the Housing Acceleration Program (HAP) provided by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD); and

WHEREAS, on November 24, 2021, the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) announced the Smart Growth Incentive Program (SGIP) – Cycle 5 Call for Projects; and

WHEREAS, the SGIP provides funding for transportation-related infrastructure improvements and planning efforts that support smart growth development in Smart Growth Opportunity Areas; and

WHEREAS, Cycle 5 is dedicated to planning projects only and a maximum award of \$500,000 per application is available; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chula Vista wishes to receive grant funding from SANDAG towards planning a citywide recreational trail system to be known as the Chula Vista Trails Master Plan (the “Master Plan”); and

WHEREAS, there exists a mix of planned and authorized trails as well as many unofficial trails that have been carved through city open space areas and, in some cases, within sensitive habitat damaging natural resources; and

WHEREAS, this network of hiking trails, paths and off-road bikeways will connect Chula Vista’s neighborhoods with its numerous parks and recreation facilities as well as link to local and regional circulation systems in adjacent communities; and

WHEREAS, the Master Plan would also complement the City of Chula Vista’s Active Transportation Plan which guides future pedestrian and bicycle improvements along the City’s roadways; and

WHEREAS, both the City's General Plan and Parks & Recreation Master Plan acknowledge the need for a trail system within the City; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive trails system supports City initiatives such as Healthy Chula Vista and the City's Climate Action Plan goals by promoting physical activity and alternative modes of transportation and developing awareness of our urban forest and open space; and

WHEREAS, if awarded SGIP funding, staff will issue a Request for Proposals from qualified consultants to prepare the Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, city staff will work with the selected consultant to develop a scope of work (including but not limited to, an existing inventory of trails, goals and objectives, framework of the trail system, proposed alignments, trailheads, staging areas and linkages, guidelines for design and construction, operations and management, program implementation, etc.) and schedule to prepare the plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chula Vista certifies that it adopted a Climate Action Plan (CAP) in a public meeting on September 26, 2017 that includes measures to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to 1990 levels by 2020 and achieves further reductions beyond 2020 consistent with adopted regional or local GHG emissions reduction targets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Chula Vista, that it hereby authorizes the filing of an application for grant funds from SANDAG for the Chula Vista Trails Master Plan and authorizes the City Manager or designee(s) to accept the terms of the grant agreement if selected for such funding, execute any amendments thereto, and any related documents necessary for implementation of the grant.

Grant Program	Project Name
SGIP	Chula Vista Trails Master Plan

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, if a grant award is made by SANDAG to fund these projects, the City of Chula Vista commits to providing the match amounts per project as listed in the grant application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, if a grant award is made by SANDAG, the City of Chula Vista authorizes staff to accept the grant funds, execute the Grant Agreement with no exceptions in substantially the same form as attached, and complete the Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, the City of Chula Vista understands and agrees to comply with all applicable REAP requirements imposed by HCD.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, the City of Chula Vista understands and agrees that SANDAG shall have no liability for costs that may arise associated with the Project(s), which are not included in the Grant Agreement(s), including but not limited to costs stemming from claims, litigation, changes in law, or force majeure events.

Presented by:

Approved as to form by:

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