



CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT



April 14, 2026

ITEM TITLE

Grant Award and Appropriation: Accept and Appropriate Grant Funds from Kaiser Foundation Hospitals for Operation Splash Community Swim Program

Report Number: 26-0099

Location: Loma Verde Pool, 1420 Loma Lane; Parkway Pool, 385 Park Way

Department: Parks and Recreation

G.C. § 84308 Regulations Apply: No

Environmental Notice: The activity is not a “Project” as defined under Section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act State Guidelines. Therefore, pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3) no environmental review is required. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the activity also qualifies for an Exemption pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act State Guidelines.

Recommended Action

Adopt a resolution A) accepting \$93,500 in grant funds from Kaiser Foundation Hospitals for the Operation Splash Community Swim Program, B) authorizing City Manager to execute grant documents, and C) amending the fiscal year 2025-26 budget by appropriating funds to the Parks and Recreation Section of the Other Grants Fund. **(4/5 Vote Required)**

SUMMARY

The Chula Vista Parks and Recreation Department applied and was awarded the Kaiser Foundation Hospitals (Kaiser Permanente) Operation Splash Grant for \$93,500. Kaiser Permanente’s Operation Splash Grant Program has been funding elementary learn-to-swim classes for Chula Vista youth for over 15 years at the Loma Verde and Parkway Pools. For the upcoming grant cycle, grant funds will also be extended to support aquatic programming for Chula Vista families and seniors.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The proposed activity has been reviewed for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and it has been determined that the activity is not a “Project” as defined under Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines because it will not result in a physical change in the environment. Therefore, pursuant

to Section 15060(c)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Notwithstanding the foregoing, it has also been determined that the activity qualifies for an Exemption pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act State Guidelines. Thus, no environmental review is required.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Not applicable

DISCUSSION

The Chula Vista Parks and Recreation Department applied for and was awarded Kaiser Permanente's (Kaiser Foundation Hospitals) Operation Splash Grant in the amount of \$93,500. For more than 15 years, this grant program has supported elementary learn to swim classes for Chula Vista youth at the Loma Verde and Parkway Pools.

At the request of the grantor, the City is broadening the scope of the Operation Splash Program to serve not only children, but also adults and seniors. This expanded focus will provide free summertime aquatic programming for families and older adults, increasing community access to safe physical activity that supports drowning prevention and overall health.

No additional funding was provided for this expanded scope. The City is accomplishing the diversification of services by making modest reductions to some existing offerings while introducing new classes for adults and seniors. Title I elementary schools in the Chula Vista Elementary School District will continue to benefit from the program, with grant funds covering the full cost of swim lessons and a portion of transportation to Loma Verde and Parkway Pools.

The City remains committed to sustaining the program by continuing to contribute City resources, including staff support, pool rental fees and supplies in an amount estimated to be \$93,500. The grant performance period runs from April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2028.

DECISION-MAKER CONFLICT

Staff have reviewed the property holdings of the City Council members and have found no property holdings within 1,000 feet of the boundaries of the property, which is the subject of this action. Consequently, this item does not present a disqualifying real property-related financial conflict of interest under California Code of Regulations Title 2, section 18702.2(a)(7) or (8), for purposes of the Political Reform Act (Cal. Gov't Code §87100, et seq.). Staff are not independently aware and have not been informed by any City Council member of any other fact that may constitute a basis for a decision-maker conflict of interest in this matter.

CURRENT-YEAR FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this resolution will result in the acceptance of \$93,500 in grant revenues from Kaiser Permanente and amend the fiscal year 2025-26 budget by appropriating \$93,500 in expenditures to the Other Expenses category of the Parks and Recreation section of the Other Grants Fund. The annual costs associated with staff time, pool rental fees and supplies incurred by the City are estimated to be \$93,500 and are included within the fiscal year 2025-26 Parks and Recreation Department General Fund budget.

ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT

The grant performance period is through March 31, 2028. The annual costs associated with the staffing and other programming costs throughout the grant performance period will be included as part of the annual budget development process in future years.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Grant Agreement

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