



AGENDA SUMMARY EUREKA CITY COUNCIL

TITLE: Habitat Conservation Fund Authorizing Grant Resolution for Camp Cooper

DEPARTMENT: Community Services

PREPARED BY: Robin Praszker

PRESENTED FOR: Action Information only Discussion

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the resolution for the application to the Habitat Conservation Fund for Camp Cooper.

FISCAL IMPACT

No Fiscal Impact Included in Budget Additional Appropriation

COUNCIL GOALS/STRATEGIC VISION

DISCUSSION

Eureka Community Services intends to continue offering Camp Cooper, a free Outdoor Environmental Education Camp that specifically targets low-income and at-risk youth in our community and emphasizes environmental stewardship & conservation, wildlife habitats, and the impacts youth as individuals have on the health of our environment. This program has increased the City of Eureka's ability to expose underserved and at-risk populations, specifically youth ages 5-12, to outdoor recreation and educational experiences and addresses the disparity that low-income communities face by providing sufficient access to recreational resources that support health. Creating innovative environmental programs that involve youth are needed as we educate the next generation on how to care for the environment.

Camp Cooper has been offered since 2015 and has been successfully funded by the previous 2 grant terms offered by the California State Parks, Habitat Conservation Fund.

The Habitat Conservation Fund has another competitive grant available with a grant term of 2024-2029. Should the grant be awarded, Eureka Community Services will be reimbursed for 50% of costs for staff wages and supplies throughout the grant term. The grant application was submitted June 15th, 2023 with a funding request of \$126,257.50. The grant award will be announced in Winter 2023.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

- City Attorney
- City Clerk/Information Services
- Community Services
- Development Services
- Finance
- Fire
- Personnel
- Police
- Public Works

