



**AGENDA SUMMARY
EUREKA CITY COUNCIL**

TITLE: Outdoor Equity Grants Program Fund Authorizing Grant Resolution for D.Y.N.A.M.I.C. (Discovering Your Nature Adventure and Making Impactful Connections)

DEPARTMENT: Community Services

PREPARED BY: Jim Thomas

PRESENTED FOR: Action Information only Discussion

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the resolution for the application to the Outdoor Equity Grants Program for D.Y.N.A.M.I.C. (Discovering Your Nature Adventure and Making Impactful Connections).

FISCAL IMPACT

No Fiscal Impact Included in Budget Additional Appropriation

COUNCIL GOALS/STRATEGIC VISION

DISCUSSION

CA State Parks is accepting applications to the The Outdoor Equity Grants Program (OEP) to improve the health and wellness of Californians through new educational and recreational activities, service learning, career pathways, and leadership opportunities that strengthen a connection to the natural world. OEP's intent is to increase the ability of residents in underserved communities to participate in outdoor experiences within their community, at state parks, and other public lands.

Eureka Community Services has submitted an application to fund the D.Y.N.A.M.I.C. (Discovering Your Nature Adventure and Making Impactful Connections) program, intended to be a free outdoor recreation program offering a wide variety of events and programs for youth and multigenerational community members. If awarded the Outdoor Equity Programs Grant, the Eureka Community Services Department will offer free recreation opportunities both within and outside of the City of Eureka city limits including

but not limited to; kayaking, hiking, biking, birdwatching, camping, skiing, horseback riding, surfing, wildlife photography, nature viewing and environmental educational experiences. Offering the community free opportunities to recreate will enrich participants lives, promote a healthy lifestyle and provide opportunities to learn and connect with their outdoor environment.

The Outdoor Equity Programs Grant is a competitive grant with \$50 million available in this grant round. A grant application in the amount of \$699,707 was submitted in December 2023 and would fund 3 calendar years of free recreation programming for the community. The grant request would fund the entire program on a reimbursement basis. The grant award announcement is expected in Summer 2024.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

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