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SUPERVISOR, SECOND DISTRICT  
SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**AGENDA ITEM**

**DATE:** May 5, 2015

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**SUBJECT:** NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT PROGRAM GRANTS (DISTRICT: 2)

**Overview**

Funding for the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program was included in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 CAO Adopted Operational Plan in order to further public purposes throughout San Diego County. Today's action will provide funds to organizations to construct a wildfire memorial, parking lot improvements, the installation of a turf field and running track, and preliminary review of a highway improvement project in east county.

**Recommendation(s)**

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1. Allocate \$40,000 from the District Two Neighborhood Reinvestment Program (org 15655) to the Lakeside Fire Protection District towards the Cedar Fire Historical Monument to memorialize the lives lost in the Cedar Fire of 2003 and to educate the community on wildfire safety.
2. Allocate \$40,000 from the District Two Neighborhood Reinvestment Program (org 15655) to the City of Poway for Iron Mountain parking lot improvements to ensure safety of hikers and reduce parking overflow onto Highway 67.
3. Allocate \$42,704.96 from the District Two Neighborhood Reinvestment Program (org 15655) to the Alpine Elementary School PTA for the Alpine Elementary School artificial turf field and running track in order to improve current field conditions, prevent injuries, and encourage extracurricular activity.
4. Allocate \$5,000 from the District Two Neighborhood Reinvestment Program (org 15655) to Caltrans to assist with developing the State Route 94 and Millar Parking Highway widening grant project for highway and parking improvements.
5. Authorize the Chief Financial Officer to execute a grant agreement with the organizations above establishing the terms for receipt of the funds and to make minor amendments to the agreements that are consistent with the general purpose of the grant but do not increase the grant.

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6. Find that these grant awards have a public purpose.
7. Find that the allocation to the Lakeside Fire Protection District, the City of Poway, the Alpine Elementary School PTA, and Caltrans are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15303 & 15304.

**Fiscal Impact**

The combined cost of these projects is \$127,704.96. Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 CAO Adopted Operational Plan for the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program (Org 15655). The funding source is General Fund balance. This action will result in the addition of no new staff years and no future costs.

**Business Impact Statement**

N/A

**Advisory Board Statement**

N/A

**Background**

Today's allocation of \$40,000 for the Cedar Fire Historical Monument construction on the River Park campus in Lakeside will memorialize and educate the public about the tragic Cedar Fire of 2003. The project commemorates the Cedar Fire of 2003 by remembering those who perished in the fire and also tells the story of neighbors pulling together to help neighbors after the fire. The project will benefit the community by educating local residents and school children about the impacts of the wildfire, telling the story of the Lakeside Fire Protection District, as well as serving as a remembrance of those whose lives were lost. The main walkway will contain a chronology of fires that impacted the Lakeside area and, through the changeable interpretive panels, explain that fire will come again to Lakeside and why and how we should be prepared. The monument will help local students who visit the site by displaying internet links to numerous sources of educational media, some of which are located on the fire protection district's webpage.

The City of Poway has requested funds for a regionally beneficial project at the Iron Mountain parking lot, located at the intersection of Poway Road and Highway 67. The proposed project includes the addition of twenty parking spaces to the existing Iron Mountain lot. This parking lot is currently used as a regional park and ride, and provides parking for visitors of Iron Mountain, a regional destination. Rangers report that, during peak weekend times, there are upwards of 300 visitors on the trail, at any given time. Once full, the parking overflows along both sides of Highway 67, creating a potentially dangerous condition with hikers exiting their vehicles, and individuals crossing the highway to access the trailhead. The proposed expansion of the Iron Mountain parking lot will reduce the number of vehicles parking on Highway 67 and ensure safer pedestrian access to the trailhead. Today's allocation of \$40,000 to the City of Poway will fund much-needed parking lot improvements at the Iron Mountain staging area.

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The Alpine Elementary School PTA is requesting a grant to develop an existing decomposed granite field into an artificial turf field with a running track. This will be a multi-use field for the benefit of all students and community members, as well as local sports organizations. Approximately 450 students per year will be able to use the field for recreational activities, as well as bi-weekly physical education classes provided by the school. About 50 students per year participate in the running club, which will also use the track. Children participating in AYSO, about 500 per year, will be holding games and practices on the track. Upon district approval, community members that participate in recreational or extracurricular activities may use the field and other organizations may also seek to use the facilities. The current dirt field is underutilized because of the poor conditions of the space that lead to dusty games and sports participant injuries. Today's allocation of \$42,704.96 to the Alpine Elementary School PTA will develop an existing decomposed granite field into an artificial turf field with a running track to create a stellar multi-use field for the school and community's recreational activities.

Today's allocation of \$5,000 to Caltrans will assist with developing the State Route 94 (SR94) and Millar Parking Highway widening grant project for highway and parking improvements. The total project cost is \$884,128.00 and the non-federal match is \$101,409.54. This partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Caltrans, and the County of San Diego will construct a gravel parking lot, widen SR94 to accommodate left turn movement onto Millar Ranch road, construct an eastbound acceleration lane on SR94, two bus stops, pedestrian trail on the north side of SR94, and install bike racks. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Central Federal Lands Highway Division will conduct a scoping field review to prepare a scoping report, project agreement, and a project delivery plan. The project delivery plan will include a design statement of work and project estimate for design, construction engineering and construction, coordinate with the programming decisions committee on final approval of the project scope, schedule and budget, and manage the overall effort on this agreement regarding scope, schedule and budget in coordination with Caltrans. Caltrans will provide relevant documents regarding this project to FHWA for use in project development, participate in the field scoping activities, review and consider for approval all documents prepared by FHWA, and provide funding.

**Linkage to the County of San Diego Strategic Plan**

N/A

Respectfully submitted,

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Supervisor, Second District

**ATTACHMENT(S)**

N/A

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**AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET**

**REQUIRES FOUR VOTES:**        Yes      No

**WRITTEN DISCLOSURE PER COUNTY CHARTER SECTION 1000.1 REQUIRED**  
   Yes      No

**PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTIONS:**  
N/A

**BOARD POLICIES APPLICABLE:**  
Board Policy B-72

**BOARD POLICY STATEMENTS:**  
N/A

**MANDATORY COMPLIANCE:**  
N/A

**ORACLE AWARD NUMBER(S) AND CONTRACT AND/OR REQUISITION NUMBER(S):**  
N/A

**ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:** District 2, Board of Supervisors

**OTHER CONCURRENCES(S):**   N/A

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