



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Parks



Date: July 26, 2015
Board Meeting Date: September 1, 2015
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Marlene Finley, Parks Director

Subject: California Cultural and Historical Endowment Museum Grant Program
Proposal for Sanchez Adobe Gateway Project

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing the submittal of an application for grant funding from the California Cultural and Historical Endowment's Museum Grant Program for the Sanchez Adobe Gateway Project in the amount of \$250,000.

BACKGROUND:

The California Cultural and Historical Endowment (CCHE) is a state entity tasked with preserving and protecting California's cultural resources. CCHE's funding comes from Proposition 40, the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002. The CCHE's Museum Grant Program was established in statute to assist and enhance the services provided by California's museums, and other groups and institutions that undertake cultural projects that are deeply rooted in and reflective of previously underserved communities.

The Sanchez Adobe Historic Site is a 5.46-acre San Mateo County Park located in Pacifica, and is one of the most significant historic resources in the County. Together, the building and site illustrate three major periods in the history of California, including Native American, Spanish and Mexican settlements.

The Sanchez Adobe Historical Master Plan outlines a series of improvements throughout the Sanchez Adobe Historical Site to preserve and protect the historical, cultural, and natural resources.

DISCUSSION:

The San Mateo County Parks Department, in conjunction with the San Mateo County History Association (Association) has prepared a CCHE Museum Grant Program

application in the amount of \$250,000 for the Sanchez Adobe Gateway Project. While the County has owned and managed the Sanchez Adobe Historical Site since 1947, the Association has always operated the site, using volunteer docents to lead school programs and public events.

The Sanchez Adobe Gateway Project will transform an existing non-historic ranger residence, garage and restroom building into a new multi-purpose meeting space that can be used for school group and public program site orientations and programs. The Association's docents and County Park staff will also be able to use the new space for meetings and small events. The meeting space will be upgraded with a new ceiling, walls, floor, and emergency exit door to meet all local building codes. The space will be outfitted with lighting, audio-visual equipment and have moveable chairs and tables to serve many purposes. The new restroom will be a stand-alone pre-fabricated building similar to those installed in other County Parks. The restroom will be fully-accessible to all park visitors. County Park Rangers will secure building permits, hire contractors and archaeological monitors, purchase materials and otherwise manage all aspects of the project. The Association will serve on the planning team.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the resolution as to form.

Approval of this resolution will contribute to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of an Environmentally Conscious Community as the funding ability to do the Sanchez Adobe Gateway Project will enhance the quality of the cultural and natural experiences for visitors to the Adobe, and encourage a greater appreciation of the need for stewardship and preservation of existing cultural and natural resources in San Mateo County.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2015-16 Actual	FY 2016-17 Projected
1) Preserve, enhance and interpret historical, cultural, and special features and events of County parks and showcase past cultures	x	x
2) Enhance the collaboration between County Parks and the San Mateo Historical Association	x	x

FISCAL IMPACT:

If the grant application is approved and the \$250,000 of funding is awarded, the funds would be deposited to and spent out of a non-general fund account. The grant award requires a 50% funding match that will be provided by the Park Department's FY 2016/2017 budget.