



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Parks



Date: December 14, 2015
Board Meeting Date: January 26, 2016
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Marlene Finley, Parks Department

Subject: Funding Agreement with the San Mateo County Parks Foundation

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing the Parks Director to enter into a funding agreement with the San Mateo County Parks Foundation for a term of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

BACKGROUND:

This Board allocated \$150,000 to the Park's budget for FYs 2015-17 for an annual subvention of \$75,000 to the San Mateo County Parks Foundation (Foundation). The Parks Department and Foundation entered into a five-year relationship agreement in August 2015 that included development of a mutually agreed upon two-year work plan for the Foundation.

DISCUSSION:

The Foundation's Board has approved the two-year work plan for the Foundation as developed with the Parks Department. The work plan is incorporated into the funding agreement as Exhibit A. The funding agreement would allow for payment of the annual subvention of \$75,000 to the Foundation for FYs 2015-2017. The funding agreement allows for flexibility in the Foundation's fundraising and donations beyond annually supported core programs and donations previously provided. This is because both the Department and the Foundation consider the work plan to be a work in progress, allowing the Foundation Board and the new Executive Director Michele Beasley, who started in November 2015, to review future strategies. The Department is comfortable with this approach as the Foundation and Department signed a relationship agreement for five years in July 2015 that outlines a plan for sustained collaboration and cooperation, allowing for creativity in developing new initiatives.

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

This agreement with the Foundation contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of an Environmentally Conscious Community as the Foundation provides stewardship and community outreach that introduces and keeps focus on the importance of our County parks and natural resources to the quality of life for our county's population.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The \$150,000 for this two-year agreement was budgeted as General Fund in the FY2015-17 Park budget. The Foundation will receive \$75,000 for each fiscal year through this funding agreement.