SUMMARY:
The purpose of this item is to review and approve Resolution 2021-01, Approving Application(s) for Prop 68 Recreational Infrastructure Revenue Enhancement (RIRE) Grant Funds (ATTACHMENT 1).

FISCAL IMPACT:
Up to $250,000 in grant funded revenue

FUNDING SOURCE:
California Department of Parks and Recreation California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68) Per Capita Program: $37,000,000

FUNDING BALANCE:
Not applicable at this time

DISCUSSION:
This program originates from Proposition 68, placed on the ballot via Senate Bill 5 (DeLeon, Chapter 852, statutes of 2017), and approved by voters on June 5, 2018. Funds for the program were appropriated via State Budget item 3790-101-6088(1)2(a).Legislative program information is found in the Public Resources Code (PRC) beginning at §80000 (see page 50).

Funds are available for a local agency that has obtained voter approval between November 1, 2012, through November 30, 2018 for revenue enhancement measures aimed at improving and enhancing local or regional park and recreational infrastructure to be awarded proportionally based on the population of the voting area. A recipient of a grant under this section shall receive at least two hundred fifty thousand ($250,000) for the purposes of the revenue enhancement measure according to Public Resources Code #80066.

“Revenue Enhancement Measure” means the measure identifies a new tax or fee that will fund the measure, or extends an existing tax or fee otherwise scheduled to expire. Measure must identify activities related to parks, and park-related lands and infrastructure, as its sole purpose, rather than providing funding for a range of park and non-park-related activities.
Measure authorizes the use of funds for capital outlay, as distinguished from operation and maintenance, and will make local or regional park infrastructure more valuable in quality, desirability and attractiveness for users. Projects must be for park and recreational infrastructure purposes, either acquisition or development, for the purposes described in the revenue enhancement measure.

The District has been in the process of planning for improvements to the Palo Corona Regional Park’s Rancho Canada Unit for several years, based on community input from the General Development Plan process. The District entered into agreements with architectural firms in FY2018-19 to begin the program development phase of this planning effort. Plans are now in the design development phase, and the District anticipates bid ready packages for phase 1 with both Projects A & B in early summer 2021. Project B precisely fits the criteria for this grant and the grant schedule. Project B – Phase 1 includes a restroom facility, multi-use trails, landscaping, and a bus drop off area with a shaded entry plaza among other site improvements.

Staff completed a RIRE Eligibility Solicitation form providing requested information to confirm eligibility in February 2020. Staff was informed of the $250,000 allocation in January 2021 via email communication with California State Parks Project Officer, who forwarded the attached letter (ATTACHMENT 2). The deadline for submitting applications is December 31, 2021. The next required step in the process is the Boards approval of a resolution authorizing the filing of all application(s) with the contract for Prop 68 RIRE Funds and delegating the authority to the General Manager, or his designee to conduct all negotiations, sign and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the grant scope(s).

The Authorizing Resolution serves two purposes:
1. It is the means by which the grantee’s Governing Body agrees to the terms of the contract; it provides confirmation that the grantee has the funding to complete, operate and maintain projects associated with the contract.
2. Designates a position title to represent the Governing Body on all matters regarding projects associated with the contract. The incumbent in this position is referred to as the Authorized Representative.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Approval of Resolution 2021-01 (ATTACHMENT 1) authorizing the filing of all application(s) with the contract for Prop 68 RIRE Grant Funds and delegating the authority to the General Manager, or his designee to conduct all negotiations, sign and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the grant scope(s).

ATTACHMENTS:
1. Resolution 2021-01 Approving Application(s) for Prop 68 RIRE Grant Funds
2. State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation Allocation Notification Letter, November 12, 2020