



07/17/2024

RESOLUTION NO. 240717B

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GRATON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FOR \$750,000 GRANT TO THE SONOMA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT'S MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE GRATON TOWN SQUARE LOCATED AT 9155 GRATON ROAD, GRATON, CA; DETERMINING THAT THE PROJECT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE SONOMA COUNTY; ACKNOWLEDGING REVIEW OF ALL MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM GUIDELINE MATERIALS AND ATTACHMENTS; ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THERE ARE SUFFICIENT MATCH FUNDS AND FUNDS TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE PROJECT; AND AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO SIGN AND SUBMIT ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION FOR THE APPLICATION AND GRANT AGREEMENT DOCUMENTS, IF AWARDED

Whereas, in accordance with the voter-approved Expenditure Plan, the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District (District) has established a competitive Matching Grant Program (the Program) for projects that provide open space, community recreation, or public access opportunities within and near incorporated areas and other urbanized areas of Sonoma County; and

Whereas, the District released Guidelines and Application Materials for the 2024 grant cycle; and

Whereas, the Graton Community Services District has identified the Graton Town Square (Project) at 9155 Graton Road, Graton, CA 95444 as a priority project; and

Whereas, the Graton Community Services District acknowledges that the Project would be competitive under the District's 2024 Program Guidelines as an acquisition and improvement project and will provide a community focused, multi-functional recreational and gathering space; and

Whereas, the District's Program recommends applicants provide a 50% matching contribution for the project; and

Whereas, the Graton Community Services District has secured \$290,000 from the Sonoma County Community Infrastructure and Tourism Impact Mitigation Funds and community donations, and will secure an additional \$460,000 from public and private philanthropy, community donations and grant writing, of which \$25,000 has already been committed by the Sonoma Land Trust; and

Whereas, the total project cost for the implementation of the Project is \$1.5 million; and **Whereas**, if implemented, the Graton Community Services District will be the responsible party for the operation and maintenance of the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Graton Community Services District hereby finds, determines, declares, and orders as follows:

1. Truth of Recitals. That the forgoing recitations are true and correct.
2. The General Manager of the Graton Community Services District is hereby authorized to submit an application for funding to the District's Program in the amount of \$750,000 for the Graton Town Square Project
3. General Plan Consistency. That the Project will be consistent with the Sonoma County General Plan, specifically under the 2020 Land Use Element Section.
4. Grant Agreement. Chad Davisson of the Graton Community Services District is hereby authorized to conduct all negotiations and submit and sign all documents, including but not limited to, application, matching grant agreement, conservation easement, recreation covenant, irrevocable offer(s) of dedication, amendments, reimbursement requests and so on, which may be necessary for completion of the project.
5. Matching Funds. If awarded funding, the Graton Community Services District has or will have \$750,000 for matching funds and sufficient funds to complete the project.
6. Operation and Maintenance. The Graton Community Services District has or will have available sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project, if awarded funding.
7. Program Guidelines. The Graton Community Services District has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the provisions contained in the Program Guidelines, and appendices.
8. Legal Compliance. The Graton Community Services District acknowledges that if the Project is funded, it will be required to comply with all federal state and local laws.

Passed and adopted at a meeting of the Graton Community Services District on July 17, 2024.

Effective Date

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

In regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Graton Community Service District, passed, approved and adopted this 17th day of July 2024 on regular roll call of the members of the said Board by the following vote:

DIRECTORS:

___ UPCHURCH, ___ ALIMCHANDANI, ___ BUTLER, ___ WILMARTH ___ DREW

AYES ___; NOES ___; ABSTAIN ___; ABSENT ___.

WHEREUPON, the President declared the foregoing resolution adopted, and SO ORDERED.

Approved:

David Upchurch, President, Board of Directors
Graton Community Services District

Attest:

Jennifer Butler, Secretary, Board of Directors
Graton Community Services District