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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Britt Ferguson for Nancy Watt - County Executive Officer
County Executive Office
REPORT BY: Nancy Watt, County Executive Officer, 253-4421
SUBJECT: Yountville Community Pool

RECOMMENDATION

Discussion and possible action related to a request by the Town of Yountville in the amount of \$20,000 for the Yountville Community Pool. (Supervisor Luce)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the August 16 Board of Supervisors meeting, Supervisor Luce requested a discussion item related to a request by the Town of Yountville for a contribution of \$20,000 by the County for the Yountville Community Pool project. Yountville was the only city that did not apply for a grant under the County's recently completed Proposition 40 funding cycle. There are no appropriations in the County's FY 05/06 adopted budget specifically for this purpose.

Staff identified five options the Board might want to consider in responding to Yountville's request:

- | Deny the request as not timely.
- | Refer the request to the County Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee for a recommendation regarding the possible use of Proposition 40 money for this purpose.
- | Allocate \$20,000 in Proposition 40 money to the Town of Yountville without requesting a recommendation from the Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee.
- | Allocate \$20,000 out of the \$650,000 in the Special Projects Fund budget.
- | Approve a grant of \$20,000 out of the General Fund (which would require a transfer from Contingency - 4/5 vote needed).

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	No

What is the revenue source?	There are no funds specifically budgeted for this purpose. The Parks budget includes approximately \$1.1 million in Proposition 40 funding, of which \$213,000 has already been committed for "urban area" projects and the remainder is being held for planning/administration costs and for unidentified projects of regional significance. The Special Projects Fund has a \$650,000 budget, of which the Board has committed \$125,000 this year for a tourism study, with the remaining \$500,00 unobligated at this time. If General Fund money were to be used it would require a transfer from the General Fund Contingency (4/5 vote required).
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	This is a policy decision of the Board of Supervisors. The Town of Yountville is requesting \$20,000 from the County as a contribution to the Yountville Community Pool.
Is the general fund affected?	Yes
Future fiscal impact:	This is a one-time request from the Town of Yountville. However, depending on the Board's decision, it could establish a precedent that would result in future costs to the General Fund.
Consequences if not approved:	There would be no County contribution to the Yountville Community Pool project.
Additional Information:	None

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

This item was agendized during the August 16 Board of Supervisors' meeting at the request of Supervisor Luce. The Town of Yountville recently reached agreement with the Veterans Home to develop/improve a community pool. According to Town staff, the budget is approximately \$750,000 for design and construction. The Town is now requesting that the County contribute \$20,000 towards the project.

The background of this request relates to last year's Proposition 40 grant process. As you know, you charged your Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee to develop a plan for utilizing the \$1.2 million in State Parks Bond Act of 2002 (Proposition 40) funds allocated to Napa County. The Committee recommended that approximately \$900,000 be utilized for projects in the unincorporated area or of regional significance, and that approximately \$300,000 be awarded to cities or other agencies for projects in "urbanized areas." The Committee initiated a competitive process to allocate funding for projects in urbanized areas in August 2004, with applications due on September 15 2004 (copy of grant application and guidelines attached). The Parks and Open Space Committee met later in September and made recommendations which were approved by the Board of Supervisors on December 7, 2004 (copy of December 7th Interim Report attached). With the exception of the Town of Yountville, applications were received from organizations or agencies in all of the Cities within Napa County, and the Board approved the Committee's recommendations to make the following grant awards:

<u>Grantee</u>	<u>Project and Amount Recommended</u>
Skyline Park Citizens Assoc.	Bridges - \$18,312
City of St. Helena	Pool - \$25,000
City of American Cyn.	Public access to view marsh - \$70,000
City of St. Helena	City Park Play Equipment - \$35,000
Napa Youth Sports Council	Ball fields at Silverado Middle School - \$25,000
City of Calistoga	Stabilizing riverbank for bike path bridge - \$20,000
City of Napa	Per MOU - \$100,000
TOTAL	\$293,312

It is noted that the City of Calistoga originally requested \$20,000 for the development of a bike path, but later requested a revision to their application to increase the amount to \$40,000 to be directed to their community pool. This change was recommended by the Advisory Committee and approved by the Board on January 5, 2005, which brought the total amount of Proposition 40 funds allocated for "urbanized" areas to \$313,312.

The Town of Yountville is requesting that the Board consider a County contribution of \$20,000 since they did not apply for funds during the County's recent Proposition 40 allocation cycle and no future cycles are planned at this time. Staff has identified five options the Board might want to consider in responding to Yountville's request:

- | Deny the Town of Yountville's request as not timely.
- | Allocate \$20,000 out of the \$650,000 in the Special Projects Fund budget.
- | Refer Yountville's request to the County Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee for a Recommendation regarding the possible use of Proposition 40 money for this purpose.
- | Allocate \$20,000 in Proposition 40 money to the Town of Yountville without requesting a recommendation from the Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee.
- | Approve a grant of \$20,000 in General Fund money (since this is not budgeted it would require a transfer from Contingency - 4/5 vote needed).

Each of these options is discussed briefly below.

Special Projects Fund - As your Board is aware, you have established a Special Projects Fund, with a FY2005/06 budget of \$650,000, and indicated that money in this Fund will be used in two priority areas: visitor management and parks and open space. At this point, your Board has committed to using approximately \$250,000 from this fund over the next two years to fund a visitor management study proposed by the Visitor's Bureau. You have not formally committed any of the other money in this fund, nor have you defined precisely what sort of programs would be eligible for parks and open space funding. You might feel that funding a municipal swimming pool is an appropriate "parks and open space" project. On the other hand, there is at least one major potential parks/open space acquisition (Skyline Park) that has been identified as a possible use of the remaining money in the Special Projects Fund. In addition, if you are going to fund city parks and recreation projects out of this Fund, you may want to first adopt principles or policies for such funding.

Proposition 40 - Had the Town of Yountville submitted an application during the competitive process in 2004, this project clearly would have been eligible for consideration for Proposition 40 funding. Your Board might feel that, notwithstanding the timing of the request, you would like the Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee to review Yountville's pool project and make a recommendation concerning possible funding out of the County's remaining Proposition 40 funds. One advantage of referring Yountville's request to the Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee is that the Committee could review Yountville's application against the same criteria used to evaluate other requests for Proposition 40 funding and thus, Yountville would be similar to other jurisdictions that applied. Alternatively, your Board could award Yountville \$20,000 in Proposition 40 funds without seeking a recommendation from the Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee, however, Yountville would be treated differently from the other applicants and the Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee identified a specific intent to allocate only a certain amount of money for " projects in urbanized areas", with the remainder being held for projects of regional significance.

County General Fund - This option has additional policy implications since, in recent years, the County has typically not provided direct contributions of General Fund money to fund programs or services provided by cities or other local governments. This action would also require a budget transfer from Contingencies which requires a 4/5 vote of the Board.

Finally, your Board might feel that the request is simply not timely and should be rejected. On the other hand, Yountville was the only city that did not receive any funding in the original cycle so you may feel that their request should at least be considered.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- A . Prop 40 Sub-Grant App & Guidelines
- B . Adv. Comm. 12-7-04 Interim Report

CEO Recommendation: Policy Issue

Reviewed By: Britt Ferguson