



**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
AGENDA STAFF REPORT**

DATE	September 17, 2024
TITLE	Authorization to Apply for Grant Funds from Parks California's Route to Parks Grant Program for the Bay Adventure Program at Robert W. Crown Memorial State Beach in an Amount up to \$50,000
DIVISION	Finance and Management Services
FROM	Katy Hornbeck, Grants Manager Deborah Spaulding, Assistant General Manager of Finance & Management Services/Chief Finance Officer
APPROVED	Sabrina Landreth, General Manager 

RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager recommends that the Board of Directors authorize a grant application to the Parks California Route to Parks Grant Program for the Bay Adventure Program at Robert W. Crown Memorial State Beach in an Amount up to \$50,000.

BACKGROUND

Parks California is a nonprofit organization and California State Parks' official statutory partner that is dedicated to expanding programs, amenities, and resources so that all people have the opportunity to build lifelong, meaningful connections with nature. With statutory authority and by collaborating with California State Parks and other partners, Parks California works to ensure that protected lands, rich with cultural and natural resources, are stewarded for future generations while also meeting the evolving needs of everyone in California.

Route to Parks grant program was launched in 2020 with the intent to support local organizations in overcoming transportation challenges, ensuring historically marginalized communities can visit and enjoy California State Parks. This round is the fifth cycle of the program. Route to Parks is aligned with the goals of California Natural Resources Agency's Outdoors for All program. In this grant cycle, Parks California is seeking proposals that address the following criteria:

- primarily provide transportation to/from California State Parks and beaches; and
- offer a valuable recreational, environmental, cultural, or historical learning experiences; and
- reach underrepresented communities who may face challenges getting to or enjoying parks, and/or lack of opportunities to create meaningful connections to nature; and
- address parts of the state with the greatest transportation needs

After reviewing the grant criteria and priorities, staff recommends submitting an application for the Bay Adventure Program conducted at Robert W. Crown Memorial State Beach.

ANALYSIS

The Bay Adventure Program, organized and administered by the Lifeguard Service Unit in the Public Safety Division, directly supports the goals of Route to Parks by providing transportation assistance and outdoor programming to underserved communities. The program was piloted in 2023 and had approximately 100 participants. Participants were between the ages of 8-12 years old and residents of Alameda or East Oakland. Staff worked directly with Alameda Family Services and Oakland Parks and Recreation to enroll program participants. The program is designed for non-swimmers and the curriculum is focused on teaching water safety skills, shoreline health and nature, and fun physical activities along the shoreline.

FISCAL IMPACT

This action proposes a grant application in an amount up to \$50,000 for the Bay Adventure Program. This program will not increase the Park District's long-term operational cost. The grant funds will offset the cost of the program which was funded in the pilot year by the Lifeguard Service's operational budget and Regional Parks Foundation funding.

ATTACHMENTS

None.



**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 09 -
SEPTEMBER 17, 2024**

**AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM PARKS CALIFORNIA'S
ROUTE TO PARKS GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE BAY ADVENTURE PROGRAM
AT ROBERT W. CROWN MEMORIAL STATE BEACH IN AN AMOUNT UP TO
\$50,000**

WHEREAS, the East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) is seeking up to \$50,000 from Parks California's Route to Parks Grant Program for the Bay Adventure Program; and

WHEREAS, the Bay Adventure Program supports the Route to Parks grant criteria and priorities; and

WHEREAS, the Park District procedures require Board Approval for all grant applications and funding agreements; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the East Bay Regional Park District hereby approves the filing of an application for the Bay Adventure Program; and

1. Certifies that said Applicant has or will have available, prior to commencement of any work on the program included in this application, the sufficient funds to complete the programs; and
2. Certifies that if the grant is awarded, the Applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate the programs as described in the Grant Selection Criteria response, and
3. Certifies that the Applicant has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the contract shown in the Grant Administration Guide; and
4. Delegates the authority to the General Manager or the Assistant General Manager of Finance and Management Services 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; and
5. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and guidelines.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer or Budget Manager is hereby authorized to amend the current year's budget, without further Board action, upon receipt of multiple executed grant contracts from the Grants Manager. The budget amendments will include an increase in budgeted revenue, and a corresponding increase in appropriation for the amount stipulated in the grant contracts.

Moved by Director _____, and seconded by Director _____, and
adopted September 17, 2024, by the following vote:

FOR:

AGAINST:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: