

**CITY OF TEMECULA
AGENDA REPORT**

TO: City Manager/City Council

FROM: Patrick Thomas, Director of Public Works/City Engineer

DATE: February 26, 2019

SUBJECT: Approve Application for the CAL FIRE Urban Forestry Grant Program through the California Proposition 68 Bond Fund

PREPARED BY: Julie Tarrant, Senior Management Analyst

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopt a resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 19-

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TEMECULA APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR
THE CITY OF TEMECULA URBAN FOREST
MANAGEMENT PLAN AND INVENTORY FOR FUNDING
FROM THE URBAN FORESTRY GRANT PROGRAM**

BACKGROUND: In November 2018, the Public Works Department submitted a Concept Proposal to CAL FIRE for the Urban and Community Forestry Program, Proposition 68 Bond Fund Grant Program. The Concept Proposal for the Temecula Urban Forest Management Plan and Inventory project is to develop a tree inventory and canopy assessment, and create an Urban Forest Management Plan. Primary objectives of the program include: community engagement, improve the Urban Forest in Disadvantaged Communities, enhance local air quality, plant approximately 300 trees, increase canopy coverage, reduce storm water runoff, and reduce tree loss due to disease or insect infestation.

CAL FIRE, under the authority of the Urban Forestry Act (PRC 4799.06 - 4799.12) the Urban & Community Forestry Program (UCF) works to expand and improve the management of trees and related vegetation in communities throughout California. The mission of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's Urban Forestry Program is to lead the effort to advance the development of sustainable urban and community forests in California. Trees provide energy conservation, extend the life of surface streets, improve local air, soil and water quality, reduce atmospheric carbon dioxide, improve public health, provide wildlife habitat and increase property values.

On January 25, 2019, we were notified that the City's Concept Proposal was selected to submit a full project application for consideration of grant program funds. Pursuant to the grant program guidelines it is necessary to submit the full application, along with a Council adopted resolution

approving the application for the City of Temecula Urban Forest Management Plan and Inventory for funding from the Urban Forestry Grant Program.

FISCAL IMPACT: The requested program grant funds total \$323,930, and a local match of \$115,415, for a total project cost of \$439,345. If awarded program grant funding, the appropriation of Measure S funds to support the City local match would not exceed \$115,415.

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution