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Staff Report

ITEM 3D

To: Lemoore City Council

From: Brooke Austin, Executive Secretary/
Housing Specialist 

Date: January 16, 2014

Subject: Authorization to Submit Housing-Related Parks Grant Application –
Approval of Resolution 2014-03

Discussion:

The Department of Housing and Community Development has recently released a Housing-Related Parks (HRP) Program Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). The HRP Program is designed to reward local governments that approve housing for lower-income households and are in compliance with State housing element law with grant funds to create or rehabilitate parks. A total of \$25 million is available for the 2013 funding round.

The HRP Program awards funds to eligible jurisdictions on a per-bedroom basis for each residential unit affordable to lower-income households and created during the designated time period of January 1, 2010 to June 30, 2013. Since the Cinnamon Villas Apartments were completed during this time period, the City is eligible to apply for funds. Based on the number of units created and the affordability levels of those units, the City will receive approximately \$80,000 - \$100,000. The Parks and Recreation Department proposes to use the funds to install a playground at 19th Avenue Park.

City staff is working to complete the program application and will submit the application to HCD by the January 22nd deadline. As part of the application process, the City Council must pass a resolution authorizing submittal of the application and, if funding is approved, the use of funds in accordance with HRP guidelines. The attached resolution meets the requirements of the application process. A draft of the resolution will be submitted with the application and the adopted resolution must be submitted to HCD within thirty days of the application deadline.

Budget Impact:

None.

Recommendation:

That Council approve Resolution No. 2014-03, which authorizes the submittal of the Housing-Related Parks Grant Application and, if awarded, the execution of any related documents.