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Date: May 9, 2024

To: Board of Directors

Submitted by: David Aranda, Interim General Manager

Subject: Discussion Regarding the Possibility of Applying for a Grant through the State of California Entitled "Arts in California Parks"

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### **Recommendation**

The General Manager is interested in the desire by the Board to pursue this grant possibility.

### **Background**

I am always on the lookout for grants that might be appropriate for the District. As stated by the information from the State of California, "This new multi-year grant program intends to create local community connections to California's rich and diverse cultural history and natural areas outside of California's state park boundaries."

This grant requires a partner that could involve Native 7871 organizations, land trusts and other organizations. I reached out to Good Guest Kensington and they are reaching out to Sogorea Te Land Trust to see if there is interest in a partnership that could lend itself to a number of different possibilities within the scope of the grant, i.e. murals, a specific activity day, specific programs related to the indigenous people of this area.

A representative from Good Guest Kensington will have more to present at the board meeting.

### **Exhibit**

- Local Parks Grant Document (created 5/2/24 by Good Guest Kensington)
- ARTS Document re Local Parks Grant Program

## Local Parks Grant

*This document was created 5/2/24 by Good Guest Kensington*

Through the Local Parks Grants Program, we have an opportunity to create an arts project in Kensington Park that enriches our community by uplifting the Lisjan Nation, the Indigenous people of this place we are so fortunate to call home. We envision a project developed through a collaboration between three groups: KPPCSD would be the grant applicant, and [Sogorea Te' Land Trust](#) (STLT) and [Good Guest Kensington](#) (GGK) would be partners.

The [Local Parks Grants Program](#) supports artists, culture bearers, California Native American tribes, and communities in creating artwork that offers perspective on our past and present and helps us imagine our potential. The program is based in the belief that arts based work in local parks is a catalyst for sustainable community connection, health, and well-being.

We would apply for a Planning and Development grant that supports planning for one arts-based project. The planning work must be completed October 2024 – May 2025, and it includes: building partnerships, artist selection, community engagement, and developing detailed project plans. At the end of the planning grant, our project would be eligible, and well positioned, for an implementation grant offered by the same funder.

The grant application must name the type of art project that would be developed and describe it in general terms (because the details are defined during the grant period). The project can be permanent or temporary. GGK is suggesting three project possibilities:

Mural: create a mural that honors and makes visible Lisjan Nation people, drawing inspiration from the murals that STLT has created in the East Bay, such as [Tule in the Sky](#) at the Berkeley Rep and the newest one at [Rinihmu Pulte'irekne](#).

Art installation: inspired by the beautiful stone sculptures at ['Ookwe Park](#) in Richmond, create art pieces that beautify the park and share stories about Lisjan Nation people and the land itself.

Audio experience: create physical markers that combine visual beauty with interactive technology (e.g. QR codes), and place them throughout the park so visitors can learn about Lisjan Nation people as they walk the land.

The goal of this project is to benefit all Kensington residents and visitors, while taking another step towards living in right relationship with the Lisjan Nation. The project would build on the work that KPPCSD has already done: building relationship with Lisjan Nation through park consultation and learning through a GGK workshop. There is also great potential for Hilltop and KASEP students to benefit and even actively participate in the project's development.

Grant application deadline: 6/14/24

GGK has reached out to STLT to ascertain their interest and availability to join this partnership.



(<https://artsincaliforniaparks.org>)

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## Local Parks Grant Program

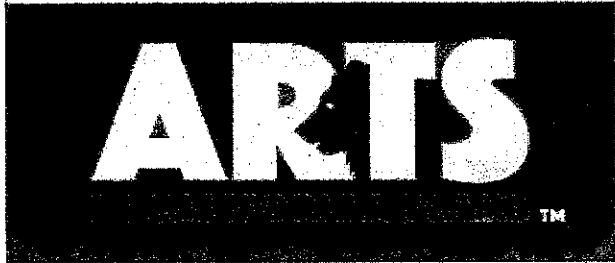
This new multi-year grant program intends to create local community connections to California's rich and diverse cultural history and natural areas outside of California's state park boundaries. Eligible projects will enhance connections to local cultural history, local parks, open space or natural areas through community events, programming or installations that help to build sustainable community connections, health and well-being. The Local Parks Grants Program will be managed and administered by **Parks California**.

(<http://www.parksocalifornia.org/>)

This program supports the "**Outdoor Access for All** (<https://www.gov.ca.gov/outdooraccessforall>)" initiative led by Governor Gavin Newsom and First Partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom, along with the Natural Resources Agency's "**Outdoors for All** (<https://resources.ca.gov/Initiatives/Access-for-All>)" initiative, and California State Parks' **Reexamining Our Past Initiative** ([http://parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=30464](http://parks.ca.gov/?page_id=30464)).

## 2024/2025 Grant Cycles

Grant	Objective	English 
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 <p>(<a href="https://2024.californiaparks.org">https://2024.californiaparks.org</a>)</p>	<p>Support the early stages of <b>ABOUT LOCAL PARKS GRANTS</b> partnerships, artist selection and developing project plans.</p> <p><b>ARTS IN STATE PARKS   EXPLORE PROJECTS</b></p> <p><b>NEWS &amp; UPDATES   RESOURCE HUB</b></p>
<p><b>Implementation Grants</b></p> <p>12-month grant cycle</p> <p>October 2024 – September 2025</p>	<p>Support the execution of community engagement, art and culture programs with a well-defined partnership.</p>

## Minimum Requirements

- **Eligible applicants are** 501(c)3 organizations, California Native American Tribes, Native 7871 Organizations, Land Trusts, Fiscally Sponsored Community Organizations, Foundations, and Local Government Agencies (City, County, Regional).
- Applicants must **facilitate a partnership** between nonprofit(s), artist (s) and local public park manager(s). Partnerships may include 501 c3 non-profit organizations, California Native American tribes, foundations, land trusts and/or local governments.
- Projects must **bring art and nature together** as a catalyst for community connection in local parks.
- Projects must **contribute to community** connection, health, well-being and/or placemaking.
- Projects must **be open to the general public**.