



CITY OF BANNING STAFF REPORT

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Arturo Vela, Acting City Manager

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MEETING DATE: September 9, 2025

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution 2025-128, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Banning, California, reprogramming approved Community Development Block Grant Funds in the amount of \$237,405.93 from FY 2019-20 - Repplier Park Rehabilitation and improvement project (\$82,236.13) and FY 2020-21 - Roosevelt Williams Park Project (\$20,400) and FY 2020-21 Sylvan Park Improvement Project (\$134,769.80) To Lion's Park Project #2 (\$237,405.93)

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution 2025-128.

BACKGROUND:

Lions Park is an 8.9-acre facility located at 955 South Hargrave Street ("Facility"). The Facility consists of three baseball fields, a children's playground and a 500 square-foot concession stand.

The Facility's irrigation system is significantly dilapidated and installation of a new non-potable irrigation system with the ability to integrate into a reclaimed system will significantly benefit the community with a cost savings on both irrigation costs and staff costs associated with repairs. Along with the irrigation system replacement, the project would install a sidewalk around the perimeter of the park where sidewalks are not currently existing allowing for a complete park loop.

On January 14 City Council approved Resolution 2025-07 authorizing the reprogramming of CDBG Funds in the amount of \$268,414 to provide the necessary total CDBG project funding of \$405,197.72. Combined with the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) grant funding total of \$373,670 funding, it was anticipated the funding was sufficient to complete the project.

On July 7, 2025, staff released an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for Lions Park Non-Potable Water Irrigation Conversion Project on the City's public bidding platform. The bids were due on August 13, 2025 and the City received five bids.

The lowest responsive bid was significantly above the project estimate and the project requires additional funding of approximately \$238,000 to complete the project including a 10% project contingency.

The City has three outstanding CDBG project funds totaling \$237,405.93: the Repplier Park Rehabilitation Project (\$82,236.13), the Roosevelt William Fencing Project (\$20,400) and the Sylvan Park Improvement Project (\$134,769.80). Reprogramming of these CDBG funds to complete the Lion's Park Irrigation and Fencing Project would allow us to complete an important project.

The remaining small projects from the Replier project and Roosevelt Williams project would be completed as possible using existing General Fund allocations. The Sylvan Park Improvement Project included replacement of the existing picnic shelter and the plan would be to include this project in the next CDBG funding cycle for FY 2026/27.

JUSTIFICATION:

The reprogramming of the CDBG funds will allow for the completion of the Lion's Park Fencing and Irrigation project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The City of Banning issued an Invitation for Bids for Lion's Park Fencing and Irrigation Project. The lowest responsive bidder was higher than the initial cost estimate for the project with a bid of \$920,672.10. Along with a 10% contingency, the total project cost is estimated at \$1,016,273.65. The project was anticipated to be completed with both CDBG funds in the amount of \$405,197.72 and IRWM grant funds in the amount of \$373,670. The project is now short approximately \$238,000 and would require a significant reduction of the scope which could lead to not meeting the intent of the project and potentially disqualifying use of some of the existing IRWM grant funds.

The reprogrammed funds will provide the necessary funding to fully fund the project including a 10% contingency. Without the reprogramming of these funds, the project would require additional funding from the General Fund or the project scope would have to be reduced to lower the project cost.

ALTERNATIVES:

Do not approve the reprogramming and provide additional direction.

BUDGETED?:

No

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT:

No

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [Resolution 2025-128.docx](#)
2. [Draft CDBG Reprogramming Request Letter_September 10, 2025.pdf](#)