



AGENDA REPORT

Library and Community Service

DATE:	April 5, 2022
TO:	Mayor Butt and Members of the City Council
FROM:	LaShonda White, Interim Director of Library and Community Services Ranjana Maharaj, Deputy Director for Community Services - Recreation Jene Levine-Snipes, Development Project Manager Stephanie Ny, Associate Administrative Analyst
Subject:	Resolution to Accept and Appropriate the PG&E Corporation Foundation Better Together Communities Grant Funds for Emergency Cooling Structures
FINANCIAL IMPACT:	These actions do not create any direct cost or liability to the City's General Fund. The actions contemplated here would generate a one-time grant that does not have to be repaid. These funds would be administered by the Community Services Department in accordance with the PG&E Corporation Foundation Grant Agreement.
PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:	Click or tap here to enter text.
STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:	City staff is requesting City Council to adopt a resolution to accept and appropriate grant funds in the amount of \$100,000 from the PG&E Corporation Foundation to construct and operate emergency cooling structures during extreme heat events.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:	ADOPT a resolution to ACCEPT and APPROPRIATE grant funds, in the amount of \$100,000, from the PG&E Corporation Foundation, to construct and operate emergency cooling structures during extreme heat events – Library and Community Services Department (LaShonda White/Jene Levine-Snipes 510-307-8132).
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DISCUSSION:

The City of Richmond Community Services Department was awarded the PG&E Better Together Resilient Communities grant award in the amount of \$100,000 from the PG&E Corporation Foundation to construct and operate emergency cooling structures during extreme heat events.

Extreme heat, which occurs when temperatures are substantially higher than usual, can harm residents by causing heat-related illnesses such as heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke. While Richmond is typically cooler than other parts of the county, extreme heat can be particularly harmful for communities that are not accustomed to such temperatures.

The PG&E Better Together Resilient Communities grant award will fund the creation of temporary shade and cooling structures with misting nozzles to be located in Nevin Park and Shields-Reid Park during extreme heat events. In addition to being adjacent to community centers, these parks are located in areas designated as high priority heat vulnerability areas by Contra Costa County and the State. The structures will offer relief to residents from the adverse effects of extreme heat.

City staff is requesting City Council to adopt the resolution to accept and appropriate the grant funds and adjust the FY2021-2022 revenues and expenditures by \$100,000.

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

Attachment 1 – Resolution

Attachment 2 – Grant Award Letter