





"Raising Expectations"

Joint Meeting Visalia Unified School District Board of Trustees/Visalia City Council

Monday, May 12, 2008 Visalia Convention Center – 303 E. Acequia, Visalia, CA 93291

5:00 p.m. Dinner - (Elected officials and senior staff) 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Meeting

City of Visalia Visalia Unified School District Jesus J. Gamboa Mayor: President: Juan Guerrero Vice Mayor: **Bob Link** Clerk: Rodney Elder Council Member: Greg Collins Board Member: William A. Fulmer Council Member: Donald K. Landers Board Member: Larry Jones Council Member: Amy Shuklian Board Member: Michael Lane Board Member: Donna Martin **Board Member:** Jim L. Qualls

AGENDA

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

INTRODUCTIONS/COMMENTS

CITIZENS REQUESTS - This is the time for members of the public to comment on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Visalia Unified School District Board/Visalia City Council. The Board Members and Council ask that you keep your comments brief and positive. The Board/Council members cannot legally discuss or take official action on citizen request items that are introduced tonight. In fairness to all who wish to speak tonight, each speaker from the public will be allowed three minutes. Please begin your comments by stating your name and providing your street name and city.

- 1. McAuliff Street Overcrossing Project at Mill Creek and Evans Ditch and the Visalia Parkway Overcrossing at Packwood Creek Project Andrew Benelli, City of Visalia
- 2. Safe Routes to School Grants Update Andrew Benelli, City of Visalia
- 3. Pinkham Street and Walnut Avenue Intersection Signalization Andrew Benelli, City of Visalia
- 4. New School Open House (Union School) Doug Bartsch and Craig Wheaton VUSD (any written materials will be distributed at the meeting)
- 5. State Budget Impact Status Update Christine Statton, VUSD and Eric Frost, City of Visalia

- 6. Overview of Phase II of the Visalia Riverway Sports Park and future neighborhood parks adjacent to school sites Vince Elizondo, Visalia Parks and Recreation
- 7. CALGRIP Grant Update Visalia Police Chief Bob Carden

ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming Council Meetings:

- Monday, May 19, 2008, Work Session 4:00 p.m. Regular Session 7:00 p.m. City Council Chambers, 707 W. Acequia
- Monday, June 2, 2008, Work Session 4:00 p.m. Regular Session 7:00 p.m. City Council Chambers, 707 W. Acequia
- Monday, June 16, 2008, Work Session 4:00 p.m. Regular Session 7:00 p.m. City Council Chambers, 707 W. Acequia

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City of Visalia Agenda Item Transmittal

Meeting Date: May 12, 2008 Joint City Council/VUSD Board meeting
Agenda Item Number (Assigned by City Clerk): 1
Agenda Item Wording: Update regarding the McAuliff Street Overcrossing Project at Mill Creek and Evans Ditch and the Visalia Parkway Overcrossing at Packwood Creek Project.

Deadline for Action: None

Submitting Department: Public Works Department

Contact Name and Phone Number: Adam Ennis 713-4323,

Andrew Benelli 713-4340

McAuliff Overcrossing: The McAuliff Street Overcrossing Project at Mill Creek and Evans Ditch consists of providing a roadway connection from the existing north end of McAuliff Street south of Evan's Ditch and the existing south end of McAuliff Street on the north side of Mill Creek. This project will connect McAuliff street from Houston Avenue to Mineral King Avenue, thereby improving access to the Golden West School complex. The project includes installing a cast-in-place concrete culvert at Mill Creek and a pipe culvert at Evan's Ditch. The project also includes removing an existing flume in Mill Creek and flow control devices and associated equipment in both channels and reconstructing them in alternate locations. Design of project is currently being completed with some minor modifications being made to the plans as requested by the Tulare Irrigation District for the tie-in of Evan's

Ditch to Mill Creek. In addition, there are two small pieces of right-of-way on the east side of the proposed street crossing that are also needed for the project.

Due to the structures that must be built in the bottom of the channels, construction must be scheduled when the channels are in their dry season, usually beginning in late August to September. Staff is hoping to complete the construction plans, right-of-way acquisitions, Elderberry tree relocations and permit processing to meet the 2008 dry channel season. However, depending on schedules for bidding, award, contractor mobilization and set-up, construction may have to occur in the 2009 dry channel season.

Visalia Parkway Overcrossing: The Visalia Parkway Overcrossing at Packwood Creek consists of providing a roadway connection from the east end of Visalia Parkway on the west side of Packwood Creek to the intersection of Visalia Parkway and County Center Drive on the east side of Packwood Creek. This project will improve traffic circulation in the vicinity of Cottonwood Creek Elementary School. The project will include a culvert crossing on Packwood

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creek, construction of the roadway and the improvement of the Visalia Parkway and County Center intersection including a traffic signal. It is anticipated that the culvert will be constructed for the ultimate build-out of the street but the roadway on the culvert will be constructed to match the northern half of the existing street on each side of Packwood Creek until development occurs to the south. The project is planned to be funded by the second phase of Proposition 1B transportation program, which is anticipated to be available in approximately 2 to 3 years. Staff will be working on design, right-of-way acquisition, and permitting in 2008-2009 in preparation for construction upon receipt of funding in 2010-2011.

Prior Council/Board Actions: None

Committee/Commission Review and Actions: None

Alternatives: None

Attachments: Exhibit #1 – Site Plan Of The McAuliff Street Overcrossing Project at Mill Creek and Evans Ditch, Exhibit #2 – Site Plan Of Visalia Parkway Overcrossing at Packwood Creek

Recommended Motion (and Alternative Motions if expected): None

Environmental Assessment Status

CEQA Review: N/A

NEPA Review: N/A

Tracking Information: (Staff must list/include appropriate review, assessment, appointment and contract dates and other information that needs to be followed up on at a future date)

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City of Visalia Agenda Item Transmittal

Meeting Date: May 12, 2008, Joint City Council/School Board	For action by: City Council
Agenda Item Number (Assigned by City Clerk): 2	Redev. Agency Bd.
Agenda Item Wording: Report on 2007 Safe Routes to School Grant projects awarded.	Cap. Impr. Corp.
Deadline for Action: None	For placement on which agenda:
Submitting Department: Public Works Department and	Work Session
Community Development	Closed Session
Contact Name and Phone Number: Andrew Benelli 713-4340; Michael Carr 713-4595	Regular Session: Consent Calendar Regular Item
Department Discussion:	Public Hearing Est. Time (Min.):1 Min.
In November, 2007, the City of Visalia applied for three Safe Routes to School grants through Caltrans. These grant applications were prepared through a collaborative effort of the city	Review:
of Visalia and the Visalia Unified School District. Two of the three grants were awarded. The successful projects are:	Dept. Head(Initials & date required)
 New sidewalks and a lighted crosswalk on N. Burke Street for Four Creeks Elementary School 	Finance City Atty (Initials & date required

BURKE STREET NEAR FOUR CREEKS

for Veva Blunt Elementary School

The Burke Street project is located in a residential area north of Houston Avenue. Curb and gutter exist along Burke Street, but sidewalk does not. Landscaping and other obstacles, such as mailboxes and utility poles, force children into the street.

New sidewalks and a lighted crosswalk on S. Chinowth Street

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The project will complete sidewalks on both the east and west side of Burke Street from Houston Avenue to the school site. It will also install a new lighted pedestrian crosswalk with inpavement flashing marker lights at Harold Avenue to allow children to cross safely from the west side of the street to the east side where the school is located.

The Burke Street sidewalk was identified as the top-priority project because of the unusually large number of students who walk to this school each day.

The total budget for the project is \$265,500, of which the grant will pay up to \$238,950, leaving \$26,550 to be covered by local transportation funds. The project is scheduled for completion in the summer of 2009.

CHINOWTH STREET NEAR VEVA BLUNT

The Chinowth Street project will complete sidewalks on both the east and west side of Chinowth Street from Myrtle Avenue south to Veva Blunt School. It will also install a new lighted pedestrian crosswalk with in-pavement flashing marker lights at Meadow Avenue to assist in getting the children from the neighborhood east of Chinowth to the west side of the street where the school is located.

For children coming to Veva Blunt from the east side of Chinowth, a push-button-activated, lighted crosswalk will be installed at Meadow Avenue. This location is within the "school zone," so traffic is forced to drive slower through the intersection. A paved sidewalk will also be built on Chinowth north of the school.

The total budget for the project is \$290,900, of which the grant will pay up to \$261,810, leaving \$29,090 to be covered by local transportation funds. The project is scheduled to be completed in the Spring of 2009.

Attachments: Location Maps, Aerial Photos

City of Visalia **Agenda Item Transmittal**

Meeting Date: May 12, 2008 Agenda Item Number (Assigned by City Clerk): 3 Agenda Item Wording: Status report for the signalization of Pinkham Street and Walnut Avenue intersection. **Deadline for Action:** N/A **Submitting Department:** Public Works Department, Traffic Safety Division

Contact Name and Phone Number:

Andrew Benelli, Public Works Director, 713-4340 Eric Bons, Senior Civil Engineer, 713-4350

Background

The intersection of Pinkham Street and Walnut Avenue will have an increase in traffic when the new Annie Mitchell Elementary School opens in the fall of 2008. This intersection carries high traffic volumes and the new school will bring added pedestrian and bicycle traffic. A new traffic signal is scheduled to be installed at this intersection. The project was scheduled in the budget for fiscal year 2007/2008.

City staff performed a traffic study at this intersection which determined that all-way stop control was warranted. New stop signs were installed on the Walnut Avenue approaches (creating a 4-way stop) on August 28, 2007 as a temporary traffic control measure.

The plans and specifications for the signalization project have been

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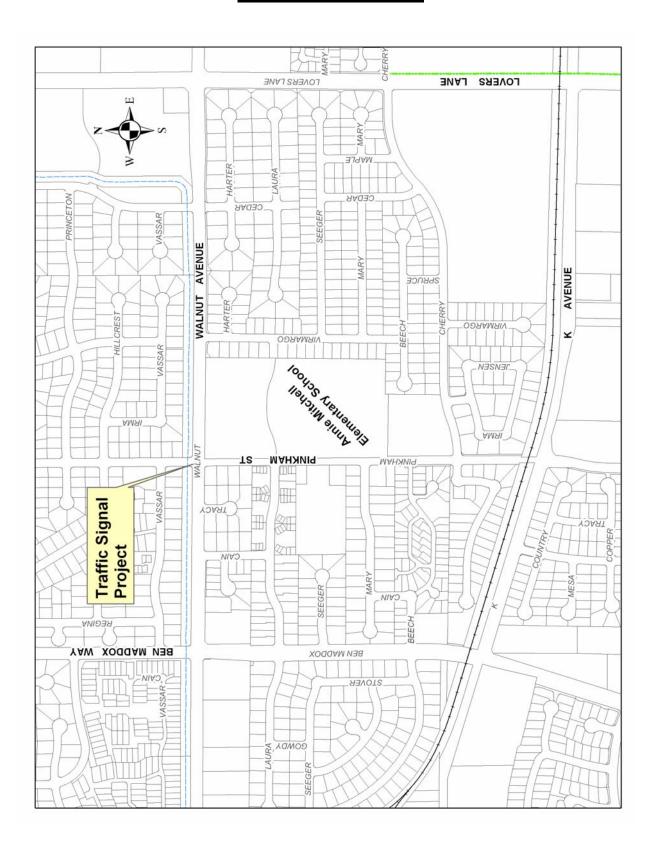
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March 25, 2008 and the contract was awarded by the City Council to A-C Electric Inc. of Visalia for a bid price of \$191,264 on April 7, 2008. The signal poles and mast arms have been p reordered by the City prior to the advertisement and award of the bid to help expedite the project. The contract has been signed with A-C Electric and they are scheduled to begin within the next two weeks. The contract specifies that the work must be completed by August 1, 2008 to accommodate the opening of the new elementary school.

City Manager Recommendation:

Recommended Motion (and Alte	ernative Motions if expected): Not Applicable
	Financial Impact
Funding Source: Gas Tax Fur	nd (1111)
Budget Recap:	
Total Estimated cost:	\$ New Revenue: \$ Lost Revenue: \$
Amount Budgeted:	·
New funding required:\$ 0 Council Policy Change: Ye	New Personnel: \$ 'es No X
Enviro	onmental Assessment Status
CEQA Review: No	
NEPA Review: No	
Tracking Information: (Staff must dates and other information that needs to	t list/include appropriate review, assessment, appointment and contract o be followed up on at a future date)
None	

Location Exhibit



Item #4 – Visalia Unified School District - Distributed at the meeting.

City of Visalia Agenda Item Transmittal

Meeting Date : May 12, 2008, Joint City Council and VUSD Board Meeting	For action by: City Council Redev. Agency Bo Cap. Impr. Corp. VPFA
Agenda Item Number (Assigned by City Clerk): 5	VFFA
Agenda Item Wording: Status on State Budget impacts for the City of Visalia	For placement on which agenda: Work Session Closed Session
Deadline for Action: None	Regular Session:
Submitting Department: Administrative Services	Consent Calendar Regular Item
Contact Name and Phone Number: Eric Frost, x4474	Est. Time (Min.):
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Department Recommendation: Receive this interim report on the City's Budget discussing the potential of some \$1.15 million in General Fund revenue losses for Fiscal Year 08/09.	Dept. Head (Initials & date required
Summary/background: The City of Visalia is in the middle of preparing its Biennial budget. This year, the State's fiscal crisis has given the City pause because the State most likely will have to take local government monies in order to solve its looming fiscal problem. The most likely revenue losses to the City are the following:	Finance City Atty (Initials & date required or N/A) City Mgr (Initials Required)
 Prop 172 Sales Tax Monies (\$600,000). In the early 	If report is being re-routed after revisions leave date of initials if

- 1990s, the State had a similar fiscal crisis. From that time, the State has annually diverted City property taxes of \$2.7 million a year from Visalia. As a partial replacement, a ½ cent increase in the sales tax was placed upon the ballot. The voters authorized the partial replacement sales tax for property tax, limiting this sales tax to public safety. The sales tax replaced approximately 19% of the revenue loss. The State is now considering taking this money.
- COPS Citizens Option for Public Safety (COPS) program (\$225,000). This program provides an annual allocation to cities for local government public safety programs. This program was authorized in the same budget crisis era as Prop 172 to help offset the large revenue losses sustained by cities and counties. The City has wide discretion over its use, as long as the use is for public safety.
- State Mandated Reimbursements (\$100,000). The State of California is required by law to reimburse the City for State mandated programs. The process, however, is cumbersome, painful and time-consuming. Further, the State simply does not pay the

claims unless it makes an appropriation. No appropriation, no payment. We doubt a payment will be made until the budget crisis is resolved.

Booking Fee Reimbursements (\$225,000). Current law limits permits counties to charge cities ½ of the cost of booking individuals into county jails. The State has also taken steps to reimburse cities for that cost. The reimbursement the City received last year almost made the City whole. However, the State will probably no longer provide that reimbursement and may allow counties to recover 100% of the booking fees.

The irony of all these take-aways is that most of them were created to soften the impact of an earlier state budget crisis. The largest potential take-away was originally authorized by the California voters to maintain public safety. Yet, these cuts are probable given the State's current fiscal problems.

Proportionally, these revenue losses represent about 2% of the budget. At the same time

however, \$1 million represents enough funding to pay for almost 10 police officers.
The potential impact of these losses is still being assessed and the City Council will address these issues as it forms this year's budget. The losses are in the General Fund. Other funds, such as Transportation Funds, are not affected.
Prior Council/Board Actions:
Committee/Commission Review and Actions:
Alternatives:
Attachments:
Recommended Motion (and Alternative Motions if expected): None.
Environmental Assessment Status
CEQA Review:
NEPA Review:

dates and other information that needs to be followed up on at a future date)	

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City of Visalia **Agenda Item Transmittal**

Meeting Date: May 12, 2008 Joint City Council/ VUSD Board Meeting	For action by: _x_ City Council Redev. Agency Bd Cap. Impr. Corp. VPFA
Agenda Item Number (Assigned by City Clerk): 6	VF1 A
Agenda Item Wording: Overview of Phase II of the Visalia Riverway Sports Park and Future Neighborhood Parks Adjacent To School Sites	For placement on which agenda: Work Session Closed Session
Submitting Department: Park & Recreation Department	Regular Session: Consent Calendar
Contact Name and Phone Number: Vincent Elizondo, 713-4367	Regular Item Public Hearing Est. Time (Min.):
Background Information:	Review:
This written report and Power Point Presentation is designed to	(Initials & date required)
give the City Council and the VUSD Board of Trustees an overview of some exciting projects planned by the City's Parks & Recreation Department.	Finance City Atty (Initials & date required

In the summer of 2007, the City Council approved a schematic plan and design costs for Phase II of the Visalia Riverway Sports Park. The 83 acre park is located on North Dinuba Boulevard. The construction documents are being prepared by the HLA Group (Sacramento, CA.)

The HLA Group designed the initial phase of the sports park which opened to the general public on August 25, 2007. Phase I included

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46 acres of development including 10 regulation sized soccer fields (three are lighted); three large group picnic areas; two restroom/concession facilities; three playgrounds; one water feature; parking improvements; and a host of other general park amenities.

The next phase of development will be devoted primarily to providing youth baseball fields to meet the growing demand by youth sports groups for more competitive playing fields in the community. City staff is proposing a new lighted four field baseball complex that can accommodate local, regional, and state tournament play.

As proposed, the fields will meet playing specifications as provided by both Cal Ripken Youth Baseball and Visalia Little League. Aside from play during the spring by these organizations. the fields can also be utilized for less competitive programs and other user groups during the summer and fall seasons as well.

The second phase will also include additional concession and restroom facilities; the lighting of two more soccer fields (which means a total of five fields will be lighted all along the southern boundary of the park); the lighting of the BMX facility; and additional parking lot improvements.

The projected cost for Phase II is estimated to be \$5.8 million dollars for construction. Project alternatives will be identified in case the budget estimate is exceeded at the time a project construction bid is awarded in the summer of 2008. The second phase is projected to open in time for the spring 2010 youth baseball season.

The City is also developing several neighborhood parks, with two of those parks located adjacent to existing elementary school sites. The first park is the new Soroptimist Park which will be located in northwest Visalia just south of Oak Grove Elementary School at Prospect and Linwood. The second park has not been formally named but will be located just east of Cottonwood Creek Elementary School in southwest Visalia off of Visalia Parkway.

Recommended Motion (and Alternative Motions if expected):
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Park Project Updates

Presented To
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May 12, 2008

City of Visalia Parks & Waterways Planning

- ◆ Conservation, Open Space, Recreation, and Parks Element – General Plan (1989)
- Update of CORP Element to be done as part of upcoming General Plan Update
- "Long historic relationship of developing recreation facilities in cooperation with the school district."

Park Planning & Development Team

- ◆ Don Stone, Parks & UF Manager
- ◆ Paul Shepard, Management Analyst
- → Bill Wagonalls, Park Consultant
- ◆ The HLA Group, Sacramento, CA.
- → RHAA, Mill Valley, CA
- Sierra Design, Visalia, CA

Visalia Riverway Sports Park Phase II – 4 Youth Baseball Fields







Visalia Riverway Sports Park Phase II – 4 Youth Baseball Fields

◆ Phase II budget is \$5.8 million; 12 acres

♦ Status: 75% Construction Documents

◆ Bid & Council Award: Summer 2008

Grand Opening: Fall 2009

Riverway Sports Park - Phase II



Riverway Sports Park - Phase II



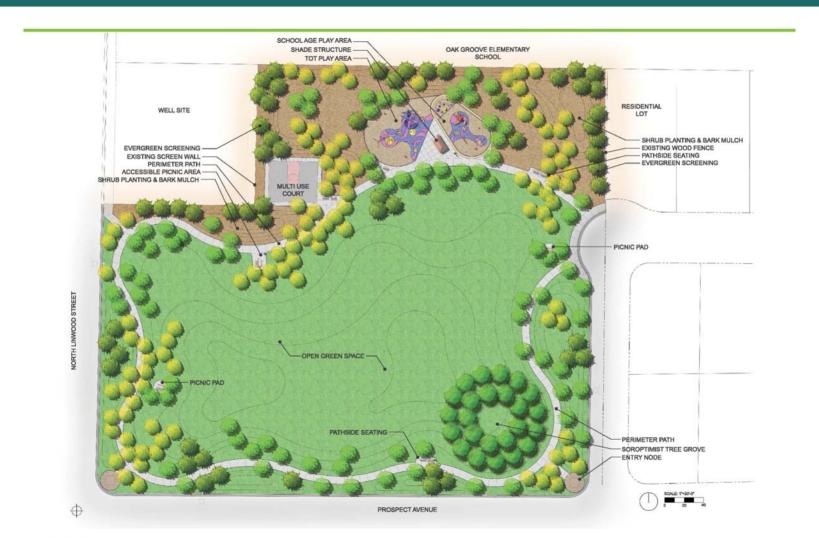
The New Soroptimist Park



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Soroptimist Park



Master Plan

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Soroptimist Neighborhood Park 4.0 Developed Acres

- ◆ Linwood & Prospect (NW Visalia)
- ◆ Design: RHAA, Mill Valley, CA
- → Status: 100% Construction Documents
- → Bid & Council Award: Summer 2008
- → Grand Opening: Fall 2009

"Dan's Lane Park"

Visalia Parkway & County Center



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"Dan's Lane Park"

Visalia Parkway & County Center



Master Plan

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Dan's Lane Neighborhood Park 3.0 Developed Acres

- ◆ Visalia Parkway & County Center (SW Visalia)
- ◆ Design: RHAA Group, Mill Valley, CA
- ♦ Status: 50% Construction Documents
- → Bid & Council Award: Fall 2008
- Grand Opening: Fall 2009

Ferguson & Babcock Park



Ferguson & Babcock Park



Ferguson & Babcock Park



Babcock Neighborhood Park 4.5 Developed Acres

- ◆ Ferguson & Babcock (NW Visalia)
- Design: HLA Group, Sacramento, CA
- → Status: 90% Construction Documents
- → Bid & Council Award: Summer 2008
- → Grand Opening: Fall 2009

Item #7



INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

Date: May 9, 2008

To: Visalia City Council and Visalia Unified School District Board of Trustees

From: Bob Carden, Chief of Police

Subject: CalGRIP Grant Update

The State of California Office of Emergency Services has released funding in the form of grants under the CalGRIP (California Gang Reduction, Intervention & Prevention) Program. These funds will assist California cities in their efforts to address community gang issues through proactive measure by one of, or a combination of, strategies to include:

suppression, intervention and/or prevention.

The City of Visalia applied for CalGRIP funding on behalf of the Multi-Agency Gang Intervention Task Force in the Fall of 2007. The grant project, "Stepping Up for Visalia's Youth", will bring five (5) additional Neighborhood Youth Counselors to youth centers operating in the jurisdiction of the Visalia Unified School District boundaries. This will result in a total of seven (7) Neighborhood Youth Counselors who will work closely with at-risk youth to intervene and prevent their participation with gangs and to reduce gang violence. This is a 20-month project that will operate from April 2008 through December 2009.

The City of Visalia applied for CalGRIP monies in the amount of \$350,521 and was funded through the grant at 80% or \$280,417. The applicants for this grant are required to provide a dollar-for-dollar match (cash or in-kind) of the funds requested. The match amounts for the grant will be contributed primarily through in-kind contribution by the City of Visalia, Proteus, Inc., Visalia Unified School District and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Tulare County.

Required matching funds of cash or in-kind will be drawn from pro-rated salary costs associated to the amount of time that the Visalia Police Department Gang Suppression Unit and Youth Services Officers will contribute to working at various levels with Neighborhood Youth Counselor model. While the grant will provide for the hire of (5) new Neighborhood Youth Counselors, the City of Visalia, Proteus, and the Visalia Unified

School District will also be using existing staff and logistical support to provide intervention and prevention services in support of this grant project. The pro-rated salary amounts from these two sources, over the two-year project term, amount to \$252,944.25 in cash to go towards the cash or in-kind requirement of matching grant funds.

The Department will be able to quantify these pro-rated salary commitments through weekly contacts with Neighborhood Youth Counselors by members of the Gang Suppression Unit and Youth Services Officers. This will come in the form of visits and patrol checks at the various community youth centers, YSO school contacts and through our cooperative efforts with the Tulare County Probation Department.

In addition to these funds, the Visalia Unified School District is contributing matching funds, along with Proteus, that will meet the matching funds requirement for the \$500,000 grant reward. Matching funds to be contributed by the Visalia Unified School District and Proteus, Inc., will also come in the form of pro-rated salary amounts of District and Proteus employees who will be committing time to the NYC Model Program. These two entities will contribute a significantly greater amount of actual time working with the NYC program as a result of the nature of their services. The NYC's will operate under Proteus who will also contribute in-kind matching funds such as office space and other logistical needs.

The City of Visalia, as primary applicant, is serving as chair of the grant advisory council represented by members of the Gang Intervention Task Force. The funding for this program, as received from the grant, will go to Proteus, Inc., who will hire, implement and operate the NYC program at the discretion of the grant advisory council and the Gang Intervention Task Force.

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