

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**FROM:** Economic Development Agency

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
November 3, 2003

**SUBJECT:** Ripley Community Park Improvements

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors make the following findings in accordance with Section 33445 of the Health and Safety Code:

1. The proposed park improvements are a benefit to the Ripley Sub-Area of the Desert Communities Project Area (DCPA); and
2. No other reasonable means of financing the cost of the project are available. The project will serve a predominantly low-income area without private interest or funding available for the project, and no other public funding is available; and
3. The project will assist in the elimination of physical and economic blighting conditions; and
4. The proposed project is consistent with the Redevelopment Plan adopted for the DCPA.

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FORM APPROVED  
 COUNTY COUNSEL  
 NOV 07 2003  
 Departmental Concurrence

BY BJJ:RZ:BJG:RF:JT

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Assistant County Executive Officer/EDA

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 390,000	In Current Year Budget:	YES
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	NO
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	03-04

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> District Community Development Block Grant Funds, \$170,000; Desert Communities Project Area RDA Funds \$220,000.	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** **APPROVE**

County Executive Office Signature

Consent     Policy  
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Dep't Recomm.:    Per Exec. Ofc.:  
 Prev. Agn. Ref.: 8/19/03[4.3]; 7/29/03[3.23]    District: 4    Agenda Number:

3.12

**BACKGROUND:**

Ripley is a small, isolated community in eastern Riverside County. Residents have historically endured the highest rates of poverty in the County as well as the State. These same residents have limited access to essential public and social services, as well as educational and recreational opportunities. To address these important needs, the County recently renovated the community building at the Ripley Migrant Center that now serves as a multi-purpose community center. The facility provides functional and usable space for a variety of services including childcare, adult and family education, youth and after-school programs, and community meetings.

To continue these revitalization efforts, the 4<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor and EDA are proposing to renovate and improve the current Ripley-Jack Marlow Park. The existing 5-acre park, owned and operated by CSA 62, is under-utilized and provides minimal recreation opportunities, thereby requiring extensive upgrades for improved usage, safety features, and ADA compliance. The proposed improvements include: reconstruction of basketball courts, restrooms, playgrounds, and parking areas; improvements to soccer and baseball field overlays; and installation of picnic shelters, an irrigation system, walking/jogging path, and landscaping.

The proposed development budget for the project is as follows:

CONSTRUCTION	\$340,000
CONTINGENCY	\$25,500
ARCHITECTURE & ENGINEERING SERVICES	\$15,000
INSPECTION, MISCELLANEOUS	<u>\$ 9,500</u>
<b>TOTAL DEVELOPMENT COSTS</b>	<b>\$390,000</b>

EDA, on behalf of CSA 62, will enter into a *Memorandum of Understanding* with the Redevelopment Agency related to the implementation of the construction activities. *Holt Architects* have prepared the drawings, specifications and construction documents for this project.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved "as to form" the construction documents. Environmental reviews have been completed in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA).

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The project will be funded with 4<sup>th</sup> District Community Development Block Grant funds and Desert Communities Project Area RDA funds. There will be no impact on the County's General Fund.

**Attachment:** Project Site Plan