

Title **City of Beaumont - Stewart Park Renovation Phase II** 01/31/2024  
id. 45388411

by **Brittany Navas** in **Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) Round 7 - 2024 California Process**

550 E. 6th Street  
Beaumont, California  
92223  
CA  
United States  
9517698520  
BNavas@beaumontca.gov

**Original Submission** 01/31/2024

Score n/a

Agency Name - Project Name City of Beaumont - Stewart Park Renovation Phase II

Agency Name City of Beaumont

Project Name Stewart Park Renovation Phase II

Grant Request Amount 3204300.0

Committed Match Amount 3204300.0

Total Project Cost Amount 6408600.0

Eligibility Screening

1. Project Site Location in incorporated City/Town with at least 30,000 People This federal program is for projects in incorporated cities or towns with at least 30,000 people. To enable California’s ORLP Review Team to assess if the project is in a City/Town with a population of at least 30,000 residents, provide the Project Site Address. If the site does not have a street address, create a hyperlink to the Google Map location of the project site. The project is in an city or town of at least 30,000 people = Eligible  
The project is not in an city or town of at least 30,000 people = Ineligible

Does the project site have an address? No

Please provide a link to the project site location using a dropped pin in Google Maps: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/QXX32BZ1FjgA26KH7>

---

Number of people living in the project's city/town: 56,349

---

3. Eligible Census Tract Projects must be located within a Census tract that is determined to be disadvantaged per the Climate and Environmental Justice Screening Tool at <https://screeningtool.geoplatform.gov>. Use the Tool to determine whether the project site is located within a disadvantaged census tract. Enter the project site address into the search bar at the top of the map. A disadvantaged census tract will be highlighted in blue on the map. Upload a screenshot below of the map and the top right corner where it states that the census tract is identified as disadvantaged. The project is in a census tract identified by <https://screeningtool.geoplatform.gov> as disadvantaged = Eligible The project is not in a census tract identified by <https://screeningtool.geoplatform.gov> as disadvantaged = Ineligible See sample of eligible census tract below:

---

Screen Shot of Project's Census Tract Using The Climate and Environmental Justice Screening Tool

[Disadvantaged\\_Screenshot\\_-\\_Stewart\\_Park.pdf](#)

---

4. Committed Funds (match and reimbursement process) This federal program is a reimbursement only program and requires the applicant cash-flow 100% of the total project costs, with the understanding that ORLP can reimburse up to 50% of the total project cost. For example, for a \$30 million project where the applicant is seeking a \$15 million reimbursement in ORLP grant funding, the applicant must certify they have committed funds to complete the \$30 million project. All non-federal (state, local, or private) sources are eligible. The only federal sources that are eligible as match for this program are Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act funding, and Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration Program (REPI) funding. For purpose of this proposal, "committed" means the money is already secured. Below, list each committed funding source and dollar amount of that source.

Committed Funds The applicant listed and certified eligible sources for both reimbursement and the minimum 50% match to equal the total project cost, with the understanding that ORLP can reimburse up to 50% of the total project cost = Eligible Committed funds are not available or more fundraising will be needed = Ineligible

---

Reimbursable Cashflow Source: What funding source(s) is proposed that will be reimbursed by the ORLP grant (up to 50% of the total project cost)?

The City's municipal policy requires the City to maintain 16% of annual operating for a working cash flow reserve. This reserve serves as a buffer until receipts and reimbursements are received. The amount for FY24 is \$10.85M.

Match Source: What funding source(s) is proposed that will be used as match for the ORLP grant (no less than 50% of the total project cost)?

At the January 16, 2024 Beaumont City Council meeting, council members approved a budget amendment to the Capital Improvement Plan allocating up to \$3,500,000 in funding to serve as a match for this grant proposal.

Total Reimbursable Amount to Cashflow ORLP Grant: 3204300.0

Total Committed Match Amount: 3204300.0

Total Project Cost: 6408600.0

4. Timeline Confirmation Here the applicant is certifying the timeline estimate for this federal grant program is understood. This program requires states to receive, review, and process applications before the applications may be forwarded to National Park Service to enter a national competition per the following timeline estimate: For Round 7: Application Deadline is January 31, 2024. California's OGALS Team will conduct its internal competitive review process. From March through April 2024, applicants with the most competitive applications will receive guidance from California's OGALS Team in consultation with NPS on how to complete the full federal application. NPS requires that all states submit their selected applications for the national competition by NPS' April 30, 2024 deadline. NPS review committee's estimated selection date is November 1, 2024. If selected, NPS' review committee selects the application, applicants must complete the Post Selection Federal Requirements before NPS will issue a funding agreement. This process generally takes one year to complete. Applicant should plan to complete project within 3 years from NPS' funding agreement. Timeline confirmation: Certifying understanding of the timeline = Eligible Applicant is unable to confirm the timeline is feasible = Ineligible

On behalf of the applicant, I certify that the project and matching funds can work within the timeline estimate for Round 7, as noted above. Our agency understands a grant agreement must be signed before the project can proceed with land acquisition or development.

---

5. Confirmation of Land Ownership for Public Outdoor Recreation in Perpetuity Here the applicant is certifying it will own the project property and agrees it will remain as a park for the public's benefit in perpetuity. This federal program is subject to 54 U.S.C. 200.305.f.3. of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act, which provides a source of protection to set aside land for public recreational benefits. Confirming land ownership and outdoor use in perpetuity: Certifying the land will be owned by the grant applicant and used for public outdoor recreation in perpetuity = Eligible Applicant is unable to confirm = Ineligible

---

On behalf of the applicant, I certify that the entire project site is owned (or will be acquired) by the grant applicant.

---

On behalf of the applicant, I certify that the entire park will be placed under federal protection for outdoor recreational use in perpetuity should the grant be awarded by NPS. This means the site, if funded, shall be owned by our agency, and remain for outdoor recreation use in perpetuity.

---

#### Selection Criteria

---

Project Summary Applicants should use this section to provide a summary of the proposed project deliverables. This summary is not scored.

---

Project Summary and Notes: Nestled in the heart of the City of Beaumont, Stewart Park has served multiple generations of residents as a recreational and communal space for the surrounding neighborhood since 1941. Stewart Park maintains a rich history as a community gathering point, hosting festivals, concerts, and the city's annual 4th of July celebration. However, the park is currently characterized by its lack of recreational features and poor state of repair. The stage and pavilion had to be removed along with the community pool due to maintenance costs and needed repairs. The skate park is in need of replacement to upgrade to current standards and updated skate amenities. The park is divided into three separate lots by 9th Street and 10th Street and access to the park is limited due to the lack of ADA pathways to traverse throughout the park. In 2021, the city initiated a comprehensive revitalization of Stewart Park. The new vision for Stewart Park was formed by an extensive community engagement process to ensure the project reflected the hopes and desires of its residents. During the summer of 2022, staff conducted surveys at events held at Stewart Park to engage residents during recreation to seek their feedback on what they would like to see. Additionally, staff visited nearby, low-income housing to engage residents who have a high investment in what their neighborhood park offers. A community-wide survey, flyers, and one-on-one engagements were offered in English and Spanish to ensure feedback was inclusive and reflective of the community we serve. Social media updates, collaboration with the school district, and regular City Council communications ensured widespread awareness of the project and its updates. The resulting project will transform Stewart Park into a jewel and source of pride for the surrounding community. This grand vision for Stewart Park includes the construction of two new playgrounds, basketball courts, picnic areas, a skate park, an outdoor stage, a splash pad, new accessible walkways, and the planting of new trees. Additionally, the new design will remove the dividing segments that separate the park into three separate lots and create a unified green space. The City of Beaumont is requesting Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership program funding to complete Phase II of the project, which includes construction of the older youth playground, basketball/pickleball courts, group picnic shelters, the skate park, the outdoor stage, the remaining accessible pathways, and additional tree planting. Currently the city only has enough local funding to complete the proposed Phase I. Funding from ORLP will enable the city to complete the second and final phase of the project. The city is working to complete NEPA and Section 106 clearance for both Phase I and Phase II prior to the start of construction. Stewart Park serves Census Tract 06065043900 (6,698 residents) and Census Tract 06065044000 (1,734 residents). These tracts qualify as disadvantaged using the EPA's Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool and are classified as "park poor" by OGALS because there are fewer than 3 acres of park space per 1,000 residents.

---

## Project Site Photos

[Beaumont\\_Stewart\\_Park\\_Site\\_Photos.pdf](#)

---

Criteria 1: Project Benefits

---

Criteria 1A: Type of Project

---

1.A - Type of Project In the first part of the section, the applicant will select one of the following project types. "New Park" means the project site has not been a public park in the past, and if the grant is awarded, the project will acquire land for or develop a new public park where one currently does not exist. "Expand Existing Park" means the project includes adding acreage to increase the official boundaries of an existing park. The project may also include improvements within the existing park boundary. "Improve Park / No Expansion" means the project will take place within the existing park boundary, and does not involve adding acreage to increase the size of the park boundary. Points for Type of Project New Park = 10 points Expand Existing Park = 7 points Improve Existing Park/No Expansion = 5 points The project will not create, expand, or improve a park = Ineligible

---

What type of project is proposed? Expand Existing Park

---

1.B - New Outdoor Recreation Features While renovations of existing features can be part of the project, the purpose of this section is to check what new outdoor recreation features are proposed, as this will make the project more competitive to the National Review Committee. The new recreation feature(s) must be outdoors. How will the project's new recreation features create a large impact on the target community by significantly increasing the number of people or user groups who could be served? Points for New Recreation Features Four or More New Outdoor Recreation Features are proposed = 20 points Three New Outdoor Recreation Features are proposed = 15 points Two New Outdoor Recreation Features are proposed = 10 points One New Outdoor Recreation Features is proposed = 5 points The project only involves renovation of existing features = 0 points

---

Will the proposed project involve the creation of a new outdoor recreation feature? Yes

---

New Feature #1: Identify the type of proposed new outdoor recreation feature. Why is this feature determined to be a high priority for the park to attract more use? According to the community survey, new playground facilities were a high priority for residents, with playground amenities for ages 5 - 12 scoring as the second highest ranked priority feature. Phase II will include construction of this playground, providing older children with a separate amenity located next to the skate park. This playground will be tailored to parkour activities with netting to provide appropriate safety measures. The park aims to create a communal space tailored for older children while promoting physical well-being through activities that enhance balance and flexibility.

---

Will the proposed project involve the creation of another new outdoor recreation feature? Yes

---

New Feature #2: Identify the type of proposed new outdoor recreation feature. Why is this feature determined to be a high priority for the park to attract more use?

Landscaping and lighting improvements were identified as the fourth highest ranked priority in the community survey. Stewart Park would benefit greatly by landscape and lighting improvements. Much of the parkland consists either of large dirt patches or grassy areas with bare spots, and lighting fixtures are minimal. Phase II of the renovation includes the installation of new lighting features, creation of the largest open grass area, and planting the majority of trees for the new Stewart Park.

---

Will the proposed project involve the creation of another new outdoor recreation feature?

Yes

---

New Feature #3: Identify the type of proposed new outdoor recreation feature. Why is this feature determined to be a high priority for the park to attract more use?

Stewart Park's transformation prioritizes walking trails, ranked fifth in the community survey. Currently, the park features a paved walkway between 10th and 11th Street, however, the revitalized park will expand this significantly. The redesign includes a new walking loop on the eastern end as well as a paved, accessible route throughout the entirety of the park, catering to individuals with mobility disabilities. Phase II has a commitment to ADA compliance, and will introduce 7,027 linear feet of new pathways, fostering inclusivity. These renovations aim to transform Stewart Park into an accessible and diverse recreational space for all ages and abilities.

---

Will the proposed project involve the creation of another new outdoor recreation feature?

Yes

---

New Feature #4: Identify the type of proposed new outdoor recreation feature. Why is this feature determined to be a high priority for the park to attract more use?

Phase II of the Stewart Park Renovation project includes new active recreation facilities. This includes significant upgrades to the existing skatepark and replacement of two weathered basketball courts with new multi-functional courts that can be used for basketball and pickleball. These two amenities ranked ninth and tenth respectively in the community survey. While not the highest priority in the survey ranking, through engagement efforts it was found that there was sufficient community support for an upgraded skatepark to be included in the design.

---

Will the proposed project involve the creation of another new outdoor recreation feature?

No

---

1.C - Green Space The purpose of this section is to determine how the project will increase access to nature by creating new green spaces, nature themed recreation features (natural playgrounds, community gardens, etc.), shady areas (via tree cover), and natural landscapes that help cool the air and reduce urban heat island effects, reduce pollution, and have positive effects on mental and physical health. Use the text box below to describe how the project will create new green spaces, natural landscapes, and tree cover. Points for Green Space: The project creates substantial new green spaces, natural themed recreation features and landscapes, and tree cover compared to other statewide applications = 15 points The project creates moderate new green spaces, compared to other statewide applications = 10 points The project creates minimal new green spaces compared to other statewide applications = 5 points The project does not create new green spaces compared to other statewide applications = 0 points

---

Does the project create new green spaces, natural themed recreation features and landscapes, and tree cover?

Yes

How will the project create new green spaces, natural landscapes, and tree cover?

In totality, the Stewart Park Renovation project includes the creation of 245,785 square feet of open grassy area and will add 142 new trees. In 2015, CalEPA's Urban Heat Island Index study found that the Inland Empire's urban heat island effect was so intense that it skewed the statewide map's overall scale. As the impacts of climate change accelerate, new tree canopy to combat urban heat island effect will be essential for communities like Beaumont. The new open area will serve as a multi-use field for soccer practices and other athletics.

---

Criteria 3: SCORP Priorities

---

3 - SCORP Priorities Select the applicable SCORP Priority boxes below and describe how this project meets that/those priority(s). Consider this guidance: New Park Access - All projects that qualify as a “new park” or “expanding an existing park” will satisfy this SCORP priority because the project is adding/increasing park acreage in a community. Preservation - If part or all of the project site has not previously been funded by the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), it will meet this SCORP priority. This is because if the grant is awarded, the grantee will commit to preserve the park for public outdoor recreational use in perpetuity. An existing park, park expansion, or new park can qualify for this. Multi-Use Parks for All Ages – Projects will be a fit for this priority if they are designed to bring families together by supporting art and music, sports, and multi-generational activities; support different active and passive recreation interests of all ages; and incorporate project design ideas from all age groups. Health Design Goals – If the project results from asking community members for their park design ideas for public health, this priority will apply. Safety and Beautification – If the project includes at least one enhancement for safety and one for beautification, it will meet this SCORP Priority. For safety, the project may include lighting for night-time/longer use or other enhancements to improve the use of the feature. For beautification, landscaping can enhance the project’s appearance and make this area of the park appear more welcoming. Note that National Park Service will not fund public art enhancements. Points for Meeting 2021-2025 SCORP Priorities All Five SCORP Priorities will be met between the project elements = 15 points Four SCORP Priorities will be met between the project elements = 12 points Three SCORP Priorities will be met between the project elements = 9 points Two SCORP Priorities will be met between the project elements = 6 points One SCORP Priority will be met between the project elements = 3 points No SCORP Priority will be met = 0 points and will not be recommended for funding

---

Which SCORP Priority(s) will this project meet?	New Park Access Preservation Multi-Use Parks for All Ages Health Design Goals Safety and Beautification
---	---

---

How does the project meet the SCORP Priority for New Park Access?	This project will expand Stewart Park by creating 46,938 square feet of additional park space in Phases I and II by removing segments of 9th Street and 10th Street that currently run through the park.
---	--

---

How does the project meet the SCORP Priority for Preservation?	The Stewart Park Renovation project meets SCORP Priority for Preservation and will remain in compliance with Section 6(f)(3) of the LWCF Act, should it secure the ORLP grant. Notably, Stewart Park has not received LWCF funding previously, making it eligible for SCORP Priority for Preservation through this expansion and revitalization initiative. The City is committed to ensuring perpetual public outdoor recreational use, as well as creating green spaces and planting new trees. The project enhances the park while addressing community needs and environmental concerns by combating the urban heat island effect in the Inland Empire, fostering a sustainable community space.
--	--

---

How does the project meet the SCORP Priority for Multi-Use Parks for All Ages? Stewart Park's inclusive design fosters community bonds, supports music, sports, and multi-generational activities. Building on its history of hosting events, the redesign enriches the space for diverse interests. This multi-use park embraces active and passive recreation for all ages, with upgraded facilities in Phase II such as an improved skatepark and versatile courts for basketball and pickleball. The expansive walking trails cater to community members of all ages and abilities, complementing the playgrounds for children of varying age groups. Stewart Park will emerge as a vibrant, inclusive destination for the entire community.

---

How does the project meet the SCORP Priority for Health Design Goals? The community survey asked respondents to state how strongly they agreed with the following statement: "the park should include healthy lifestyle outdoor fitness areas designed for free and safe exercise for all members of the community." Residents overwhelmingly agreed or strongly agreed with this statement, and the expressed desire for amenities that promote healthy lifestyles informed the project's design. In totality, the project will construct 5,012 linear feet walking path to encourage active and healthy lifestyles. Further enhancements include upgrading the skatepark and replacing worn basketball courts with versatile spaces accommodating both basketball and pickleball.

---

How does the project meet the SCORP Priority for Safety and Beautification? The Stewart Park Renovation project prioritizes both safe public use and beautification. Landscaping is a central focus, completely overhauling the park and adding 245,785 square feet of open grassy area and 142 new trees. These enhancements will transform large dirt patches into a more inviting, community atmosphere. Safety improvements include the installation of new lighting features along walking paths and athletic courts, significantly enhancing visibility throughout the park. Phase II features a new playground for older children, designed for parkour activities with netting for added safety, aligning with the community's desire for a secure and aesthetically pleasing recreational space.

---

Agency Certification and Contact Person In this final section, the contact person is certifying an understanding that the proposal will go through a state competitive process, and the proposal is authorized on behalf of the applicant's agency. California's OGALS Team may ask the contact person project related questions.

---

Contact/Certifier Name Brittany Navas

---

Position/Title Grants Analyst

---

Email BNavas@beaumontca.gov

---

Phone Number +19097698520

---

I understand that the checked  
State Parks Office of  
Grants and Local  
Services Competitive  
Review Process will  
use the above  
information to rank all  
statewide ORLP  
proposals and select  
the most competitive  
proposals for ORLP  
Round 7 as  
explained at  
[www.parks.ca.gov/orlp](http://www.parks.ca.gov/orlp).  
I also certify that I  
am authorized to  
submit this proposal  
on behalf of the grant  
applicant.

---

Final Reminders Please only click the submit button below when you are ready to submit your proposal. If there is no blue submit application button, you are not the account owner and will not be able to submit the application. All required fields (indicated by a red asterisk\*) must be complete before the proposal can be submitted. Responses must be complete and submitted before January 31, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. Additional documents will not be accepted after the deadline unless requested by OGALS. If you have any questions you can email your Competitive Review Project Officer for the project's county. In all cases the Submit button below must be clicked before January 31, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. Thank you for your interest in the ORLP California Process!

---