

DISCUSSION:

The Department of Resource Management administers the grant application process, and grant awards are recommended by the Park and Recreation Commission, serving in its dual role as the Fish and Wildlife Commission. The current grant cycle began October 21, 2016, when Staff distributed the FWPF grant application materials and e-mail notices to previous grant applicants and other prospective applicants. Staff also placed advertisements in local newspapers and made the grant application materials available on the County's website. The Commission set the maximum allowable grant request at \$2,500. The application deadline was November 4, 2016, and one application was received. To assist in evaluating the applications, the Commission appointed an ad hoc, FWPF Evaluation Committee consisting of Commissioner Terry Riddle, Commissioner Steve Hermsmeyer, and subject matter expert John Takekawa, a Director of Bird Conservation with National Audubon Society. Staff distributed copies of the application to the FWPF Evaluation Committee members and Park and Recreation Commissioners for their individual review and evaluation.

The FWPF Evaluation Committee reviewed the application and scored it based on criteria in the FWPF application materials. At its March 9, 2017 meeting, the Park and Recreation Commission received the scoring recommendations from the FWPF Evaluation Committee, and recommended one funding award totaling \$2,500 (listed in Attachment A).

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board may choose not to approve the recommendation of the Park and Recreation Commission. This alternative is not recommended because the applications were objectively and thoroughly evaluated by the Commission and FWPF Evaluation Committee, and the projects recommended for funding are eligible and consistent with the funding guidelines.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Solano County Park and Recreation Commission recommended approval of the grant award at its scheduled public meeting of March 9, 2017.

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION