

Application of Criteria for Pima County Bond Project Proposals

Directions: The Pima County Bond Advisory Committee adopted criteria for project inclusion. For each resubmitted and new bond project proposal, please answer how the project meets the criteria below. If certain criteria do not apply to the project, please answer not applicable. The total response for each project should be no longer than two pages in Arial size 11 font. Please do not submit exhibits or attachments. The completed form should be e-mailed to Deseret.Romero@pima.gov on or before July 15, 2013.

Project Name: Murrieta Park Improvements

1. Broad Demonstrated Support by Public:

A publicly driven master plan process is complete with Mayor and Council expected to approve the plan at its August 6, 2013 meeting. Public meetings have been very well attended and surveys of public opinion indicate broad public support for improvements at Murrieta Park.

2. Has Regional Public Benefit:

Murrieta Park, an approximately 50 acre park, serves the west side of the Tucson community. It has 2 Little League fields (one with lights), four lighted softball fields, one lighted baseball field, nine ramadas and play equipment. The intent of the master planning effort is to turn this facility into the regional equivalent of the eastside ball fields. Citizens want to a west side location for tournament-level play to attract regional and statewide interest.

3. Partnerships:

The Senior Softball League, Western Little League and adjacent neighborhoods have been active partners. Silvercroft neighborhood worked with Watershed Management Group and Southwest Conservation Corps to volunteer hundreds of hours toward turning a vacant parcel in Joaquin Murrieta into a rainwater harvesting mini-park now named Silvercroft Unity Park.

4. Other Funding Sources or Matches:

This park is eligible for federal Community Development Block Grant Funds. City of Tucson parks impact fees are another possible funding source.

5. Education and Workforce Training:

Not applicable.

6. Advances Board Adopted Principles of Sustainability and Conservation:

Murrieta Park landscaping is watered with reclaimed water. The irrigation system is antiquated in that it uses a localized controller that doesn't take advantage of 'smart' controller technology: automated watering schedules based on actual temperature and humidity levels, leakage alarms and hydrologic pressure regulation. New field development will take advantage of the latest irrigation technology that minimizes water use for turf maintenance. Murrieta Park is one of the last large parks in the City's parks system that has reclaimed water but does not have a centralized 'smart' controller. This type of controller is necessary to comply with increasingly stringent regulatory requirements over reclaimed water.

New lighting systems are about 50% more energy efficient than earlier lighting technology and are remotely controlled to minimize electrical usage.

In addition to the fields and pool improvements, the master plan also calls for a walking path around the perimeter of the park that takes advantage of the existing large trees for shading the path. This will be a welcome addition for healthy, sustainable lifestyles and productivity.

7. Previously Authorized Large-scale Bond Projects or Programs that are Now Short of Funding:

Not applicable.

8. Phasing of Large Projects:

The proposed bond project is a phase in a larger master plan for Murrieta Park.

9. Impact on Operating and Maintenance Costs for Governments and Commitment to Fund These Ongoing Costs:

The City of Tucson is committed to funding the on going operating costs associated with the proposed bond project.

10. Project or Program is a Capital Improvement, Not a Repair or Maintenance Project:

The proposed bond project is a capital improvement.