

**City of Watsonville
Public Works and Utilities**

M E M O R A N D U M



DATE: February 24, 2020

TO: Matthew D. Huffaker, City Manager

FROM: Steve Palmisano, Public Works and Utilities Director
Darren Gertler, Environmental Science Workshop Coordinator

SUBJECT: Acceptance of a \$30,000 grant from the Monterey Peninsula Foundation on behalf of the Chevron Eagles for Education to support the City's Science Environmental Workshop

AGENDA ITEM: March 20, 2020

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that City Council accept a \$30,000 grant from the Monterey Peninsula Foundation on behalf of the Chevron Eagles for Education Grant to support the operation of the Environmental Science Workshop.

DISCUSSION:

The Environmental Science Workshop (ESW) located on Second Street has been a valuable community resource since 1997. Every year the ESW serves over 5,000 youth. The grant funds will go to support the employment of part-time staff, including the teenage employees that make the ESW such a successful program.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This grant supports the strategic plan, Goal 5.G.1 Community Engagement & Well-Being - Science Workshop

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

This \$30,000 grant will provide part time staff to bolster the ESW 2nd Street Workshop. No General Funds are used.

ALTERNATIVES:

If this grant is denied the Science Workshop would need to pursue alternate funding sources in order to sustain the current programs.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

cc: City Attorney