

Date: February 3, 2025
To: Morro Bay City Council
From: Morro Bay Maritime Museum
Subject: 2025 City of Morro Bay Community Grant

During the 2024/2025 Community Grant cycle, the Morro Bay Maritime Museum received a \$5,000 grant. The purpose as stated in the grant agreement is as follows:

“The site map approved by the City in conjunction with the 2023 lease site expansion included a north/south walkway along the east side of the expansion area. Prior to placing additional exhibits in this area, it is now necessary to build the walkway. Toward that end, the Museum has obtained a \$18,000.00 proposal from IGL Pavers of Morro Bay to build an approximately 180’ by 5’ walkway of pavers extending northward from the northwest corner of the AVALON exhibit.”

Per the grant agreement’s Section IX Terms and Amendments, the Museum hereby requests a revision of the grant’s purpose. Since making application for the grant to be applied to the walkway, the Museum Board has identified a higher priority project in terms of calendar time. The overall project involves developing a series of free educational events for children at the Museum for the 2025 summer vacation period. The focused area at the Museum for this program is the portion of Museum grounds known as Kid’s Cove, which is approximately 350 square feet, and has been a dirt and scattered gravel surface.

The Museum requests applying the \$5,000 2024/2025 grant funds to the installation of pavers over the Kid’s Cove area, to eliminate the dirt and gravel surface, and mitigate trip/fall risks. The Museum has received a \$8,024.36 proposal from local IGL Pavers to create a full paver surface in the Kid’s Cove area. If Council approves the revised grant purpose, the Museum has the funds on hand to make up the difference between the grant and IGL’s proposal.

Should there be questions, please let me know.

Ron Reisner, Museum Board Member

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