

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL JUNE 3, 2002

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: Appropriation of \$25,000 from the State of California, Office of Historic Preservation for a Historic Resources Survey of up to 175 Multi-family Properties Throughout Pasadena

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize an appropriation of \$25,000 from the State of California to Account 8115-101-444410 for contract services to hire a consultant to assist with the preparation of historic resources inventory forms for approximately 175 multi-family properties in the city.
2. Authorize the City Manager to act as a signatory for the City of Pasadena regarding grant agreement documents.

BACKGROUND

As a participant in the Certified Local Government program since 1986, the City of Pasadena is eligible to apply for grant funds from the California State Office of Historic Preservation (OHP). In June 2001, the City applied for a grant to complete an intensive-level historic resources survey of up to 175 multi-family buildings constructed throughout Pasadena from 1910-1955. On July 31, 2001, the OHP approved the application and awarded the maximum amount of \$25,000 to the City. This funding for the federal FY2002 brings the total Certified Local Government program grant revenue since 1986 to \$236,975 for projects to document and assist in protecting the City's historic resources.

The purpose of the project is to document and determine eligibility of properties for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The National Register listing fulfills two objectives. First, it will enable property owners of income-producing properties to apply for the Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives program and consequently promote rehabilitation and economic viability of distressed properties, which in-turn promotes the retention of affordable housing. Second, documented eligibility assists the city in complying with Federal and State environmental review processes.

BACKGROUND (cont.)

The project will include the completion of an intensive-level survey of existing historically-significant multi-family residential properties in the City constructed ca. 1900 to the mid-1950s. Approximately 175 properties will be surveyed and recorded on DPR523A and DPR523B forms. A historic context statement and project summary will also be produced. Presentation of the information will be given to property owners through mailings and a public meeting before the Cultural Heritage Commission.

CONSISTENCY WITH THE GENERAL PLAN

The proposed survey work meets the objectives and implementation strategies defined in the General Plan. The General Plan's Objective 6 of the land use element is to "Promote preservation of historically and architecturally significant buildings and revitalization of traditional neighborhoods and commercial areas." One of its implementation strategies is to "Continue the city's long-range program of conducting Certified Local Government Funded intensive surveys."

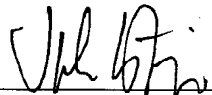
FISCAL IMPACT

The agreement with the State Office of Historic Preservation specifies that the City provide 40% match to the \$25,000 grant. Therefore, \$16,666 of General Fund monies allocated to staff salaries in FY01-02 & FY02-03 will be used for this match. The City benefits from this source of outside funding because it enhances the use of City resources to conduct a more ambitious historic preservation program.

Respectfully submitted,

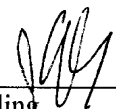

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