

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL NOVEMBER 24, 2003

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF A JOURNAL VOUCHER RECOGNIZING \$12,000 FROM THE CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT PROGRAM FOR COMPLETION OF A HISTORIC CONTEXT REPORT AND WINDSHIELD SURVEY OF PERIOD REVIVAL RESIDENTIAL ARCHITECTURE.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve a journal voucher recognizing revenue from the Certified Local Government Grant Program in the amount of \$12,000 and appropriate it to budget account 8115-101-444410 to complete a historic context report and windshield survey of four areas of the City to document period revival residential architecture in Pasadena.
2. Authorize the City Manager to sign the grant documents for the City of Pasadena.

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 2003, the Planning and Development Department applied for a grant to develop a historic context and conduct a reconnaissance-level survey of approximately 1,250 properties exhibiting characteristics of period revival styles located in four residential developments that were constructed between 1915 and 1942. The OHP approved the application and awarded the maximum amount of \$12,000 to the City. This funding for the federal FY2004 brings the total Certified Local Government program grant revenue since 1986 to \$248,975 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.

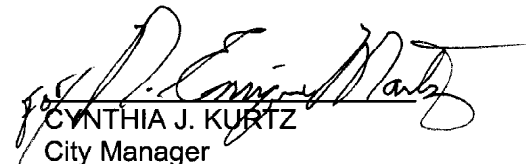
CONSISTENCY WITH THE GENERAL PLAN

The proposed project complies with the goals, policies, and objectives of the Land-use Element in the General Plan. For example, objective 6 of the land-use element encourages the City to "promote preservation of historically and architecturally significant buildings and revitalization of traditional neighborhoods and commercial areas."


FISCAL IMPACT

The agreement with the State Office of Historic Preservation specifies that the City provide 40% match to the \$12,000 grant. Therefore, \$8,000 from Account No. 8005-101-444100 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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