

# Agenda Report

DATE: April 26, 2004

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** CITY MANAGER

**SUBJECT:** APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION FOR THE URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM GRANT OF THE PARK BOND ACT OF 2000 (PROPOSITION 12) FOR THE PER CAPITA, GRANT PROGRAMS FOR \$50,000.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council approve the Resolution authorizing the City of Pasadena's application to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for the Urban Forestry Grant Program of the Park Bond Act of 2000 in an amount of \$50,000 to be used for street tree planting.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Department of Public Works, Division of Parks and Natural Resources is applying for a grant of \$50,000 from the State of California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. If the grant application is successful, the funding available will be allocated for the planting of 550 street trees at various vacant sites throughout Pasadena. According to the grant guidelines, the grant funding can be used for the purchase of trees and other materials, labor, and public education. The City of Pasadena is required to contribute 25 percent or \$12,500 in matching funds. \$5,000 of the match will be used to purchase trees and miscellaneous materials. \$7,500 will be used for direct labor and volunteer costs. To strengthen the application and be more competitive, the City will also provide an additional \$12,500 in in-kind services for grant coordination, labor supervision, and equipment usage.

In order to complete the application process for these Proposition 12 grant funds, the City of Pasadena is required to complete and submit a resolution for the Watershed, Wildlife and Park Improvements Bond Act of 2000 grant program.

The City has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the contract shown in Watershed, Wildlife and Park Improvements Bond Act of 2000 Grant Program Procedural Guide. The City has the funds necessary to operate

and maintain the trees after they are planted. Ongoing maintenance costs are included in the Operating Budget under Parks and Natural Resources Street Tree Maintenance Program.


**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Award of these funds will bring the City of Pasadena \$50,000 in Proposition 12 funds for street tree planting projects. The grant requires a 25 percent match which would total \$12,500. The portion of the match to be used for the purchase of trees and miscellaneous materials is \$5,000. Sufficient funding is available in the Street Tree Deposit Fund account 3150-101-230053639 to cover these expenses. Additionally, \$7,500 will be used for the City's portion of labor costs, and is available in the Operating Budget under the Department of Public Works' Forestry Maintenance Program account 8018-101-765200. Staff services and equipment costs to cover the in-kind portion of the grant program, is also available in the Forestry Maintenance Program.


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