

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: OCTOBER 11, 2004

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR A GRANT WITH THE CALIFORNIA CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL ENDOWMENT (CCHE) UNDER THE CALIFORNIA CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, AND COASTAL PROTECTION ACT OF 2002, FOR THE CITY HALL SEISMIC RETROFIT AND REHABILITATION PROJECT.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution approving the submission of a grant application to the California Cultural and Historical Endowment (CCHE) for the City Hall Seismic Retrofit and Rehabilitation Project.

BACKGROUND

The California Cultural and Historical Endowment (CCHE) is a state agency established in 2002 through legislation authored by Assembly member Marco Firebaugh, (CA Educational Code §20050 et seq). One of its main goals is to "...create a competitive grant program to fund public agencies and nonprofit organizations that will share the many stories and narrative events that embrace California's culture and history..." Thus, CCHE is interested in recognizing and appreciating California's culture and history, not simply by examining chronological eras and dates, but to take a bold and broad step into the State's past and present to look at all the pieces that have contributed to the success and leadership of California in the nation, and throughout the world.

Grant Funding and Priorities: The CCHE's current source of financial support is through bond funds appropriated from the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002, more commonly known as Proposition 40. At this time, \$122 million in Proposition 40 funds is available for the CCHE competitive grant program. This revenue will be divided into three rounds of funding over the next three years. The proposed grant application would be included in

the first cycle of the first round of CCHE available funding, which is anticipated to total \$35 million dollars.

Funding priorities under the provisions of the CCHE grant are targeted to the following objectives: 1) To preserve, interpret and enhance understanding and appreciation of significant elements that add to the state's cultural, social and economic evolution; 2) Preserve, document, interpret or enhance understanding of threads of California's story; and 3) Achieve careful balance geographically, among communities and organizations of large and small size and among diverse ethnic groups; and 4) Preservation of cultural and historic sites and districts for acquisition, restoration, preservation and interpretation of California's historical and cultural resources.

Eligible Projects: Projects eligible for funding under the grant program include the cost of construction of capital assets, allowing for major maintenance, reconstruction, demolition for purposes of reconstruction of facilities, and retrofitting work done no more than once every 5-15 years, or expenditures that continue or enhance the useful life of the capital assets. Capital assets are described by the Program as tangible physical property that is part of an otherwise eligible construction development or preservation project. The City Hall Seismic Retrofit Project is eligible for the grant in that: 1) it falls within the priorities of the CCHE for funding purposes; and 2) is a public agency. The minimum grant award in this funding cycle is identified at \$25,000 and the maximum subsidy is set at \$5,000,000, which will be the grant amount requested by the City of Pasadena, for use toward the cost of the project's base isolation system.

Grant Match Requirements: The CCHE requires all applicants to comply with a 1:1 match requirement. This obligation is fairly flexible and will allow applicants to use cash and non-cash contributions to comprise the match requirement. Other governmental monies, such as local, state and federal funds may be utilized to meet the match requirement, along with non-cash contributions, including donation of services, supplies and equipment. The City will utilize existing project funding as the required match for the project.

Award Timeline: City staff has already forwarded the initial grant application in keeping with the CCHE's October 1, 2004, deadline. However, the agency has allowed government and non-profit organizations an additional month of time (November 1, 2004) to submit fully executed resolutions supporting their grant applications. The CCHE anticipates a prompt review period for grant applicants in this funding cycle, culminating in an anticipated grant award date of November 24, 2004.

Under the grant provisions, both successful and unsuccessful applicants may also apply for future cycles of grant funding. This could potentially provide the City with another opportunity to petition the CCHE for supplemental financial support over the next three years.

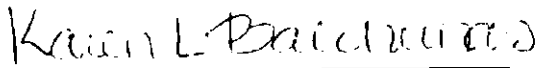
FISCAL IMPACT

The City will be applying to the CCHE for a grant in the amount of \$5,000,000. The City will comply with the grant's 1:1 matching provision through existing appropriations in the City Hall Seismic Retrofit Project budget. If approved, these funds will be appropriated to the City Hall Seismic Retrofit and Rehabilitation budget.

Respectfully submitted,


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City Hall Seismic Retrofit & Rehabilitation Project

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Director of Public Works

Attachments: Attachment No. 1: Resolution of the City Council approving submittal of the CCHE grant application

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF THE CITY HALL SEISMIC UPGRADE AND REHABILITATION PROJECT FOR CCHE GRANT FUNDS FOR THE CALIFORNIA CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL ENDOWMENT (CCHE), UNDER THE CALIFORNIA CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, AND COASTAL PROTECTION ACT OF 2002

WHEREAS, the people of the State of California have enacted the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002, which provides funds to the State of California for the California Cultural and Historical Endowment (CCHE) Grant Program and;

WHEREAS, the California Cultural and Historical Endowment (CCHE) has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the Grant Program, setting up necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, these procedures require the City of Pasadena to certify by resolution the approval of an application before submission of the application to the California Cultural and Historical Endowment (CCHE); and

WHEREAS, if the City of Pasadena is awarded a grant, the City will enter into a Grant Agreement with the California Cultural and Historical Endowment (CCHE) for the Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA:

THAT, the filing of a California Cultural and Historical Endowment (CCHE) Grant application for the above project to be funded from the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal; Protection Act of 2002 is approved; and

THAT, that the City of Pasadena certifies that it has sufficient funds to complete the project, operate and maintain the project; and

THAT, the City Council of the City of Pasadena certifies that it has reviewed the provisions of the Grant, and understands and agrees to the General Provisions of the Grant Agreement; and

THAT, the City Manager is authorized to complete all materials related to the application for and acceptance of this CCHE grant; and

THAT, the City appoints Cynthia J. Kurtz, City Manager, as the City of Pasadena's agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, Applications, Agreements, payment requests and other related documents, which may be necessary for the completion of the project.

Adopted at the regular meeting of the Pasadena City Council on the _____ day of October, 2002, by the following vote:

AYES:

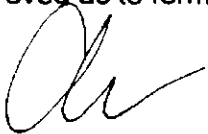
NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

JANE L. RODRIGUEZ
City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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