

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: NOVEMBER 21, 2005

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR A ROUND 2 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 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. In October 2004, staff was unsuccessful in obtaining funding through CCHE's initial Cycle 1 grants process. Since that time, CCHE has streamlined their application process to more adequately serve the many diverse agencies who have previously applied for CCHE funding under this program, including a specific application for public agencies and tribal organizations.

Grant Funding and Priorities: CCHE's current source of financial support is through \$122 million in funds appropriated from the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002, more commonly known as Proposition 40 funds, which are derived from general obligation bond monies. CCHE's first round of three funding cycles was initiated in Fall 2004. This grant application is for the

second round of CCHE grant monies, with an identified funding source of \$45 million dollars.

CCHE's funding priorities 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 and Grant Funding: Projects eligible for funding under the CCHE program include 1) the cost of acquisition of interests in real property that are tangible physical property, including easements; and 2) the cost of construction of capital assets. The City Hall Seismic Retrofit Project is eligible in that it falls within the priorities of the CCHE for funding purposes, and public agencies are eligible to apply for this grant. The minimum grant award in this funding cycle for applications submitted by Public Agencies and Tribal Organizations is \$25,000 with a maximum subsidy set at \$3,000,000. The City will be submitting a grant request for \$3 million dollars, for use toward the cost of rehabilitating and restoring City Hall's historic exterior building façade elements.

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 its various existing project funding sources as the required match for the project.

Award Timeline: The deadline for submitting applications for City staff is January 31, 2006. The CCHE anticipates a prompt review period for grant applicants in this Round 2 funding cycle, culminating in an anticipated grant Award date of April 2006.

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 an additional opportunity to petition the CCHE for supplemental project funding.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The current estimated project cost for the City Hall Seismic Retrofit project is \$117,594,083. On January 31, 2005, City Council approved the general contractor and final project budget and directed staff to obtain \$6 million of the total project cost through grants, fundraising and donations. Since that time, the City has applied for various grants, and in September 2005, staff was successful in securing half of this funding with a \$3 million award through FEMA's Pre Disaster Mitigation Grant (PDM-C) program.

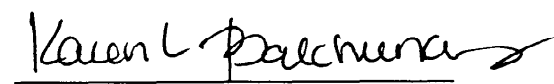
The City's will apply for \$3,000,000 of endowment in this current CCHE funding cycle, which, if granted, would eliminate the \$3 million unfunded portion of the project budget. Under the current grant provisions, the City would be required to comply with a 1:1

matching provision through existing appropriations in the City Hall Seismic Retrofit Project budget. If approved, the CCHE funds would be appropriated to the City Hall Seismic Retrofit and Rehabilitation project.

Respectfully submitted,


CYNTHIA J. KURTZ
City Manager

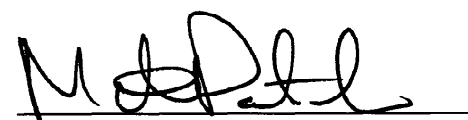
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Director of Public Works

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

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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 November, 2002, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

JANE L. RODRIGUEZ
City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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NICHOLAS G. RODRIGUEZ
Assistant City Attorney