

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: SEPTEMBER 25, 2006

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION OF SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATIONS AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR THE HABITAT CONSERVATION FUND, THE RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM, AND THE CALIFORNIA RIVER PARKWAYS GRANT PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve the City of Pasadena's application and resolution to the State of California Resources Agency, Department of Parks and Recreation, for the Habitat Conservation Fund Program in the amount of \$196,750 to implement the Westside Trails project in Hahamongna Watershed Park (CIP Project #77507);
2. Approve the City of Pasadena's application and resolution to the State of California Resources Agency, Department of Parks and Recreation, for the Recreational Trails Program in the amount of \$575,600 to implement the Lower Arroyo Trail and Trail Wall Restoration project (CIP Project #77507 and #77509); and
3. Approve the City of Pasadena's application and resolution to the State of California Resources Agency, Bonds and Grants Unit, for the California River Parkways Program in the amount of \$1,478,000 to implement the Berkshire Creek Improvements project in Hahamongna Watershed Park (CIP Project #77508 and #77509).

RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

At their special meeting on September 12, 2006, the Recreation and Parks Commission recommended to the City Council support of the City of Pasadena's application to the State of California Resources Agency, Department of Parks

and Recreation, for the Habitat Conservation Fund Program in the amount of \$196,750 to implement the Westside Trails project in Hahamongna Watershed Park, the Recreational Trails Program in the amount of \$575,600 to implement the Lower Arroyo Trail and Trail Wall Restoration project, and the California River Parkways Program in the amount of \$1,478,000 to implement the Berkshire Creek Improvements project in Hahamongna Watershed Park .

BACKGROUND

The Habitat Conservation Fund (HCF) is administered by the California Department of Parks and Recreation. Funds are provided by the State grant under the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990. Two million dollars is available for competitive grants to local public agencies. This grant requires a dollar-for-dollar match (50 % State, 50 % local). The match must come from a non-State source. The required match for the Westside Trails project in Hahamongna Watershed Park is proposed to come from the Los Angeles County Proposition A funds already awarded to the City for this project. The project will assist in building a segment of the Westside perimeter trail in proximity to the Sycamore Grove multi-purpose field, and that will connect to the trail system in this portion of the upper Arroyo Seco. The project application must be submitted by October 2, 2006.

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is administered at the federal level by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). It is administered at the State level by the California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR). Approximately \$5 million dollars will be available this year for projects based on the federal fiscal year appropriation. Project funding is subject to the availability of federal funds. The competitive grants are available to cities, counties, districts, state agencies and nonprofit organizations with management responsibilities over public land. This grant requires a 12 % match, which is proposed to come from 1992 Los Angeles County Proposition A funds as well as California State Proposition 12 funds already awarded to the City for this project. The implementation of the Westside Perimeter Trail project in Hahamongna Watershed Park was selected due to more stringent requirements for the RTP program.

The following categories are eligible for this grant cycle: Development and rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities and trail linkages for recreational trails; construction of new recreational trails; and acquisition of easements and fee simple title to property for recreational trails or recreational trail corridors. Project applications must be submitted by October 2, 2006.

The California River Parkways Program is funded by the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50). The legislature has appropriated \$100 million for the acquisition, restoration, protection, and development of River Parkways. Approximately \$32.5 million dollars are available this year for projects. Projects must provide public access or be a component of a larger parkway plan that provides public access. The project must also meet at least two of the five statutory conditions: Recreation, Habitat, Flood

Management, Conversion to River Parkways, or Conservation and Interpretive Enhancement.

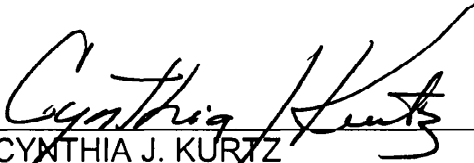
The Berkshire Creek project in Hahamongna Watershed Park proposes the repair and modification of an urban storm drain at Berkshire Avenue that flows into the Hahamongna basin. The project will restore and enhance a riparian oak woodland canyon that is currently severely deteriorated and impacted by excessive flows from the Berkshire Avenue storm drain. When repairs and modifications are completed, the quality of the habitat in the canyon will be greatly enhanced. The canyon bottom will function as an aesthetically pleasing creek. The quality of the water flowing into the Hahamongna basin and the Arroyo Seco streamcourse will be significantly improved. In addition, the area trails will be restored to allow passage over the creek via a small recreational bridge crossing. There is no match required for this program. Project applications must be submitted by October 17, 2006.

The City has the funds necessary to operate and maintain both projects on an ongoing basis as part of the Department of Public Works' Operating Budget for Park Maintenance.

FISCAL IMPACT

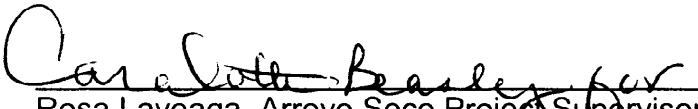
The projects named are part of the Arroyo Seco Master Plans and the adopted CIP but are currently unfunded. The Berkshire Creek project currently has \$400,000 available for the project, and the additional funding will allow completion of the Berkshire Creek project in its entirety. Staff is seeking support for these grant programs in order to provide funding for these projects of community importance. If staff is successful in the grant application process, the capital budget will then need to be amended to reflect the new appropriations.

Respectfully submitted,



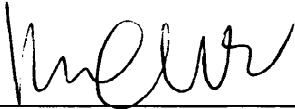
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Approved by:



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Department of Public Works

Resolution No: _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PASADENA APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE LOCAL AGENCY GRANT PROGRAM – FISCAL YEAR 2007/2008 UNDER THE HABITAT CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM OF THE CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE PROTECTION ACT OF 1990 FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT(S) FOR THE WESTSIDE TRAILS IN HAHAMONGNA WATERSHED PARK

WHEREAS, the people of the State of California have enacted the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990, which provides funds to the State of California for grants to local agencies to acquire and/or develop facilities for public recreational and fish and wildlife habitat protection purposes; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of a portion of the program within the State, setting up necessary procedures governing applications by local agencies under the program; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of application before submission of said application to the State, and

WHEREAS, said application contain assurances that the applicant must comply with; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will enter into an agreement with the State of California for acquisition or development of the project;

WHEREAS, the City of Pasadena wishes to undertake the Westside Trails project in Hahamongna Watershed Park which is within the purposes specified for the grant program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE PASADENA CITY COUNCIL:

1. Approves the filing of an application for the Habitat Conservation Fund Grant Program under the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990 State grant assistance for the above project; and
2. Certifies that the City understands the assurance and certification in the application form; and
3. Certifies that the City has or will have available prior to commencement of any work on the project included in this application, the required match; and will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project; and

4. Appoints the City Manager or Director of Public Works as agent of the City of Pasadena to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

Approved and Adopted on the ____ day of _____, 20__.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Jane Rodriguez
City Clerk

Approved as to form:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'N. Rodriguez', with the date '9/12/06' written in the upper right corner of the signature.

Nicholas George Rodriguez
Assistant City Attorney

Resolution No: _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA
APPROVING THE APPLICATION TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE
RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM FOR THE WESTSIDE PERIMETER TRAIL
PROJECT IN THE HAHAMONGNA WATERSHED PARK

WHEREAS, the "Safety, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users" provides funds to the State of California for Grants to state, local and non-profit organizations to acquire, develop and/or maintain motorized and non-motorized trail purposes; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the program within the State, setting up necessary procedures governing Project Application under the program; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the Applicant to certify by resolution the approval of application(s) before submission of said Application to the State; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant will enter into a Contract with the State of California to complete the Project(s);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE PASADENA CITY COUNCIL:

1. Approves the filing of an Application for the Recreational Trails Program; and
2. Certifies that the City has or will have available prior to commencement of any work on the Project(s) included in this Application, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Project(s); and
3. Certifies that the City has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the Contract shown in the Procedural Guide; and
4. Appoints the City Manager or Director of Public Works as agent of the City to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the Project.
5. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and guidelines.

Adopted at the regular meeting of the City Council on the _____ day of _____, 2006, by the Vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN;

Jane Rodriguez, CMC

Approved as to form:



9/12/06

Nicholas George Rodriguez
Assistant City Attorney

Resolution No: _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE CALIFORNIA RIVER PARKWAYS GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THE WATER SECURITY, CLEAN DRINKING WATER, COASTAL AND BEACH PROTECTION ACT OF 2002 (Proposition 50) FOR THE BERKSHIRE CREEK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided Funds for the program shown above; and

WHEREAS, the Resources Agency has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of this grant program, establishing necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Resources Agency require a resolution certifying the approval of application(s) by the Applicants governing board before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pasadena, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the Berkshire Creek Improvements Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE PASADENA CITY COUNCIL:

1. Approves the filing of an application for the Berkshire Creek Improvements Project.
2. Certifies that the City understands the assurances and certification in the application, and
3. Certifies that the City or title holder will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Project(s) consistent with the land tenure requirements; or will secure the resources to do so, and
4. Certifies that it will comply with the provisions of Section 1771.8 of the State Labor Code regarding payment of prevailing wages on Projects awarded Proposition 50 Funds, and
5. If applicable, certifies that the Project will comply with any laws and regulations including, but not limited to, legal requirements for building codes, health and safety codes, disabled access laws, and, that prior to commencement of construction, all applicable permits will have been obtained, and
6. Appoints the City Manager or Director of Public Works as agent of the City of Pasadena to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned Project(s).

Approved and adopted on the _____ day of _____ 20_____.

AYES:

NOES

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Jane L.Rodriguez, CMC
City Clerk

Approved as to form:



9/12/16

Nicholas George Rodriguez
Assistant City Attorney