

MARCH 12, 2007

TO: CITY COUNCIL/PASADENA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

FROM: CITY MANAGER/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SUBJECT: SUBMITTAL OF FUNDING APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE WORKFORCE HOUSING REWARD PROGRAM FOR 2006.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council/Pasadena Community Development Commission adopt a resolution:

- A. Approving the submittal of funding applications to the California Department of Housing and Community Development for affordable housing assistance funding under the Workforce Housing Reward Program; and
- B. Authorizing the City Manager/Chief Executive Officer to execute and the Secretary to attest any and all documents necessary to facilitate the submittal of the applications, and the implementation and administration of the proposed program.

ADVISORY BODY ACTION:

The Community Development Committee at its meeting of February 22, 2007 recommended the Commission's approval of the recommendation.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Workforce Housing Reward Program is designed to encourage cities and counties to develop new residential housing while rewarding those jurisdictions that approve housing for low income households and are in compliance with State housing element law. The Program does not use a competitive process to award funds; all cities that meet the eligibility requirements will be funded.

BACKGROUND

The Workforce Housing Reward Program was established pursuant to Chapter 482, Statutes of 2002 and funded through Proposition 46, the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2002. The Program provides grants to cities and counties that issue building permits for new housing affordable to very-low or low-income households. The eligibility requirements of the Workforce Housing Reward Program are: (1) Housing Element compliance, (2) submittal of the Annual Progress Report to the California Housing and Community Development Department, (3) final approval of land use for

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qualifying affordable units, and (4) building permits issued for the qualifying affordable units.

The grant amounts are based on the number of bedrooms in units restricted for 55 years for very low and low-income households for which final land use approval was issued on or after January 1, 2004 and building permit was issued in 2006. Award amounts will be based on \$1,500 per bedroom for each covenanted very low income affordable unit and \$1,000 per bedroom for each covenanted low income affordable unit. Based upon the criteria, staff estimates that approximately \$29,000 may be awarded to the City if its funding application is successful. The City was awarded \$197,893 for the 2005 Program year.

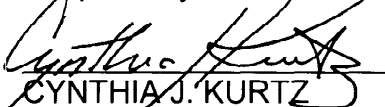
HOUSING IMPACT

Securing funding through State of California Workforce Housing Reward Program described in this report meets the goals and objectives of the City of Pasadena's General Plan (Housing Element), Five-Year Consolidated Plan 2005 – 2010, the Commission's Five-Year Implementation Plan, Five-Year Public Housing Agency Plan, and the Ten-Year Strategy To End Homelessness.

FISCAL IMPACT

If the application to the Workforce Housing Reward Program is successful, the City/Commission will receive from the State \$29,000 in revenue to provide affordable housing assistance in Pasadena.


Respectfully submitted,


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City Manager

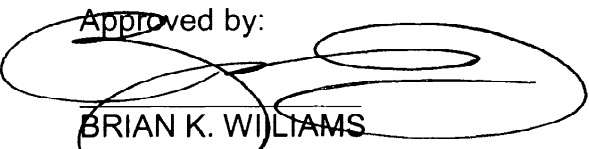
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RESOLUTION NO. CDR

A RESOLUTION OF THE PASADENA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR FUNDING UNDER THE WORKFORCE HOUSING REWARD PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION AND IMPLEMENT THE WORKFORCE HOUSING REWARD PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (hereinafter referred to as "HCD") issued a Notice of Funding Availability ("NOFA") for the Workforce Housing Reward Program ("WFH") Round 3, 2006 Program Year in December 2006, codified in Section 50550 *et seq.*, of the California Health and Safety Code (the "Statute");

WHEREAS, the Pasadena Community Development Commission, a public body, corporate and politic ("Commission") will submit the Application Package released December 2006 by HCD for the WFH Program;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Statute, HCD is authorized to approve funding allocations utilizing monies made available by the State Legislature to the WFH Program pursuant to the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund of 2002 (Proposition 46);

WHEREAS, the WFH Program is a grant program that does not use a competitive process to award funds and all cities and counties who meet the eligibility requirements will be funded;

WHEREAS, the eligibility requirements of the WFH Program are: (1) the Housing Element is in compliance, (2) the Annual Progress Report has been submitted to HCD, (3) the final land-use approval for qualifying units has been obtained, and (4) the qualifying affordable units have been issued building permits;

WHEREAS, the WFH Program awards grants, on a per-bedroom basis, for each newly constructed residential unit affordable to very low- and low- income households;

WHEREAS, the Commission wishes to apply for and receive a grant through the WFH Program;

NOW, THEREFORE the Commission does hereby find, determine and resolve as follows:

Section 1. The Commission shall submit to HCD an application to participate in the WFH Program.

Section 2. If the application for funding is approved, the Commission hereby agrees to use the WFH Program funds for eligible activities in the manner presented in the application as approved by HCD and in accordance with the WFH Program Guidelines. The Commission further agrees to execute all other instruments necessary or required by HCD for participation in the program.

Section 3. The Commission hereby authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to execute, in the name of the Commission, the application, the Standard Agreement, and

all other documents required by HCD for participation in the WFH Program, and any amendment thereto, and to take all actions necessary to implement the WFH Program.

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Pasadena Community Development Commission on the _____ day of _____ 2007, by the following vote:

AYES:

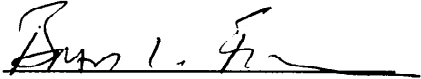
NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Jane L. Rodriguez, Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Brad L. Fuller
Assistant General Counsel