

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: November 2, 2009

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF TWO RESOLUTIONS FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION'S URBAN FORESTRY GRANT PROGRAM FOR EDUCATION AND INVENTORY PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the actions proposed herein are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15306 (information collection) and 15322 (educational or training programs involving no physical changes).
2. Adopt a resolution authorizing an application for the competitive Urban Forestry Education Grant program of 2008-2009 in the amount of \$91,000 to educate the public on the specific and direct benefits of trees in the urban environment, with a focus on sustainability; and
3. Adopt a resolution authorizing an application for the competitive Urban Forestry Inventory Grant program of 2008-2009 in the amount of \$200,000 to implement new software, data collection processes, and update information on the City's street tree canopy.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Pasadena has the opportunity to obtain grant funding from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Urban Forestry Grant Program for the 2008-2009 funding cycle. The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection has approximately \$1 million for the Urban Forestry Education grant program and \$1.5 million for the Urban Forestry Inventory grant program. The grant funds are provided from the Proposition 40, California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood, Parks and Coastal Protection Act of 2002. Additional grant funds are provided from the Proposition 84, Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006.

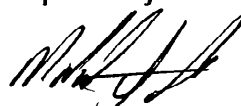
The Urban Forestry Education grant will allow the City to educate the public on the specific and direct benefits of trees in the urban environment, with a focus on sustainability by utilizing the City's urban forestry management plan, website, information pods, and television programs. The Urban Forestry Inventory grant will allow the City to implement new software, data collection processes, and update information on the City's street tree canopy.

On February 9, 2009, the City Council approved the original adoption of a resolution authorizing an application for the competitive Urban Forestry Education Grant program and the original adoption of a resolution authorizing an application for the competitive Urban Forestry Inventory Grant program. The City applied for the funding on October 24, 2008 but the release of the funding has been significantly delayed due to the State's budget issue. The original resolution stated that the City would expend grant funds prior to March 31, 2011. Due to the delay, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Urban Forestry Grant Program staff is requesting the City to adopt new resolutions to indicate the grant funds would be expended prior to March 31, 2012.

FISCAL IMPACT:

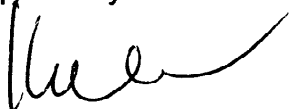
If the City of Pasadena is successful in obtaining funding for the 2008-2009 funding cycle, the City will receive \$291,000 towards the City's Urban Forestry program. The City will be required to provide a total match of \$340,000 that will come from in-kind staff time and services and programs already in the FY 2009 operating budget for the Department of Public Works.

Respectfully Submitted:



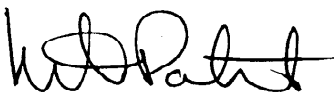
MICHAEL J. BECK
City Manager

Prepared by:



Kathleen Woods, Administrator
Parks and Natural Resources Division

Approved by:



Martin Pastucha, Director
Department of Public Works

RESOLUTION NO.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA
APPROVING THE APPLICATION TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS
FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY
AND FIRE PROTECTION GRANT PROGRAM AS PROVIDED THROUGH
PROPOSITION 40 AND 84 FUNDING FOR THE URBAN FORESTRY
EDUCATION PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of California in cooperation with the California State Legislature has enacted Proposition 40 and 84, which provides funds to the State of California and its political subdivisions for urban forestry programs; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the program within the State, setting up necessary procedures governing project application by local agencies and non-profit organizations under the program; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of application(s) before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out an Urban Forestry Education project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Pasadena:

1. Approves the filing of an application for "Proposition 40 and 84" Urban Forestry Education Grant Program funds; and
2. Certifies that the City has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project; and
3. Certifies that funds under the jurisdiction of the City are available to begin the project; and
4. Certifies that said applicant will expend grant funds prior to March 31, 2012.

5. 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 aforementioned project.

Adopted at the regular meeting of the City Council on the _____ day of _____, 2009, by the following vote:

AYES:

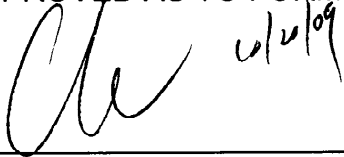
NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN;

Mark Jomsky, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

 6/24/09

Nicholas George Rodriguez
Assistant City Attorney

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Pasadena:

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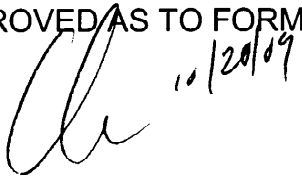
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