

Agenda Report

April 19, 2010

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Public Works Department

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION OF SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATIONS AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR PROGRAMS AUTHORIZED BY PROPOSITION 84 FUNDING

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council;

1. Find that the authorization to apply for grants is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15262, Feasibility and Planning Studies.
2. Adopt a resolution authorizing an application for the Urban Greening Grant Program under the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act Of 2006 (Proposition 84) in the amount of \$1,265,000 for the Hahamongna Watershed Park Project;
3. Adopt a resolution authorizing an application for the Urban Greening Grant Program under the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act Of 2006 (Proposition 84) in the amount of \$999,209 for the Citywide Urban Heat Island Median, Park, and Street Tree Planting Project; and
4. Adopt a resolution authorizing an application for the Nature Education Facilities Program Funds for the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act Of 2006 in the amount of \$7,000,000 for the Arroyo Seco Environmental Education Center in Hahamongna Watershed Park Project.

HAHAMONGNA WATERSHED PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

At their special meeting of February 23, 2010, the Hahamongna Watershed Park Advisory Committee voted unanimously to support these grant applications.

RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

At their regular meeting on March 9, 2010, the Recreation and Parks Commission voted unanimously to support these grant applicaitons.

BACKGROUND

To be competitive, the City must identify park projects that meet the specific criteria for each grant opportunity. At the same time, it is staff's intent to equitably distribute funding across the City. These two goals are sometimes difficult to reconcile when the grant criteria is narrowly focused. Staff evaluated priority projects and selected those determined to have the best opportunity to receive funding.

The Urban Greening for Sustainable Communities Program is funded by the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84). The legislature has been authorized to appropriate \$70 million for urban greening projects that reduce energy consumption, conserve water, improve air and water quality, and provide other community benefits. Due to the built-out nature of California's urban areas, the program provides funds to preserve, enhance, increase, or establish community green areas such as urban forests, open spaces, wetlands, and community gardens. There is no match required for this program but the agency administering these funds encourages leveraging all resources, including other sources of funds.

Staff has prepared two separate applications for this grant program. One application seeks \$1,265,000 to fund portions of the Pasadena Equestrian Center including project design, environmental analysis and implementation of key project elements such as bio-swales, habitat restoration and improved site drainage. This project is part of the recently adopted amendment to the Hahamongna Watershed Park Master Plan for the Hahamongna Annex. A second application requests \$999,209 for a project to mitigate the citywide urban heat island effect by removing concrete and turf in medians, parks and other non-park landscaped areas and replacing them with permeable planting space and drought tolerant landscape. This project would fund improvements in a variety of locations throughout the City, including the median islands on Sierra Madre Boulevard between Hastings Ranch Drive and Michillinda Avenue, Colorado Boulevard between Kinneloa Avenue and Sierra Madre Villa, San Gabriel Boulevard south of the 210 Freeway and a number of turf median islands on Sierra Madre Boulevard.

The Nature Education Facilities Program is funded by the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84). The legislature has been authorized to appropriate \$93 million for facilities that educate visitors and inspire environmental stewardship as they are critically needed for the future health of California. The program provides funds to develop projects that will increase public understanding and knowledge of California resources. There is no match required for this program.

The City's application for this grant program seeks \$7,000,000 to fund the design and implementation of the Arroyo Seco Environmental Education Center. The project would rehabilitate and restore the existing vacant facilities within the newly acquired 30-acre addition to Hahamongna Watershed Park. This project is part of the recently adopted amendment to the Hahamongna Watershed Park Master Plan for the Hahamongna Annex.

Staff has reviewed, understands, and concurs with the General Provisions contained in the Contract shown in the Procedural Guide. The projects proposed herein meet the City Council's objectives to address the City's physical, economical, social, and environmental concerns as well as strategies and policies for achieving them. Among these concerns are providing for the recreational and open space needs of its residents.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

This project supports the following Council Policies:

- City Council Three Year Goals
 - Improve, Maintain and Enhance Public Facilities and Infrastructure – Item 1
- The Hahamongna Watershed Park Master Plan of the Arroyo Seco Master Plans adopted by City Council on September 29, 2003
- Green Space, Recreation and Parks Element Objective 13, "Develop recreation programming to promote community and families".
- Green City Action Plan environmental stewardship policies adopted by the City Council in September 2006

Action 10 – Accessible Park/Open Space

Action 12 – Protection of Habitat Corridor

Action 20 – Protection of City's Water Sources

Action 21 – Reduce Untreated Wastewater Discharge

- General Plan Cultural and Recreational Element Goal 1.0, "Provision of a wide range of recreational facilities and services as a means of improving the quality of life for all Pasadena residents"

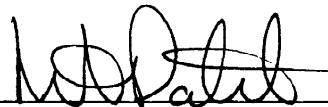
ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

All of the projects listed in this recommendation are subject to project-level CEQA review at that time when the City undertakes detailed design, prepares the appropriate plans and specifications, and the project is considered for implementation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The City has the potential to gain over \$9,264,209 in grant funding. With the limited availability of financial resources, these competitive programs offer the City the best opportunity to fund important projects throughout the City's park and medians. Staff is seeking support for these grant applications in order to provide a source of funds for these projects of community importance. Funding for the maintenance of these projects is included in the Division of Parks and Natural Resources Operating Budget.

Respectfully submitted,



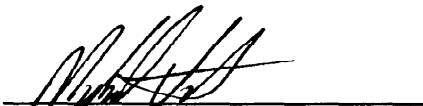
MARTIN PASTUCHA
Director
Department of Public Works

Prepared by:



CHARLES PERETZ
Acting Parks and Natural Resources Administrator

Approved by:



MICHAEL J. BECK
City Manager

Attachments:

- Attachment A – Urban Greening Project Resolution for Equestrian Center
- Attachment B – Urban Greening Project Resolution for Urban Heat Mitigation
- Attachment C – Nature Education Facilities Resolution

RESOLUTION NO: _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PASADENA APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE URBAN GREENING GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THE SAFE DRINKING WATER, WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY, FLOOD CONTROL, RIVER AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT (PROPOSITION 84) CITYWIDE URBAN HEAT ISLAND MEDIAN, PARK, AND STREET TREE PLANTING PROJECT

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

WHEREAS, the Strategic Growth Council has been delegated the responsibility for administration of this grant program, establishing necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the Strategic Growth Council 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 applicant, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the Project;

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

1. Approves the filing of an Application for the **Citywide Urban Heat Island Median, Park, and Street Tree Planting** Project; and
2. Certifies that the City understands the assurance and certification in the application; and
3. Certifies that the City will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project 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 84 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, environmental laws and, that prior to commencement of construction, all applicable permits will have been obtained; and

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6. Certifies that the City will work towards the Governor's State Planning Priorities intended to promote equity, strengthen the economy, protect the environment, and promote public health and safety as included in Government Code Section 65041.1; and
7. 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, payment requests, and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project(s).

Adopted at the regular meeting of the City Council on the _____ day of _____, 2010, by the following vote:

AYES:


NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN;

Mark Jomsky, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

 4/12/10

Nicholas George Rodriguez
Assistant City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO: _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PASADENA APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT FUNDS FOR THE URBAN GREENING GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THE SAFE DRINKING WATER, WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY, FLOOD CONTROL, RIVER AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2006 (PROPOSITION 84) FOR THE PASADENA EQUESTRIAN CENTER IN HAHAMONGNA WATERSHED PARK PROJECT

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

WHEREAS, the Strategic Growth Council has been delegated the responsibility for administration of this grant program, establishing necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the Strategic Growth Council 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 applicant, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the Project;

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

1. Approves the filing of an Application for **the Pasadena Equestrian Center in Hahamongna Watershed Park project**; and
2. Certifies that the City understands the assurance and certification in the application; and
3. Certifies that the City will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project 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 84 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, environmental laws and, that prior to commencement of construction, all applicable permits will have been obtained; and

6. Certifies that the City will work towards the Governor's State Planning Priorities intended to promote equity, strengthen the economy, protect the environment, and promote public health and safety as included in Government Code Section 65041.1; and
7. 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, payment requests, and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project(s).

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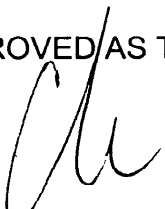
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WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility by the Legislature of the State of California for the administration of the Nature Education Facilities Program, setting up necessary procedures governing the Application; 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(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will enter into a contract with the State of California to complete the PROJECT;

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

Approves the filing of an application for the **Arroyo Seco Environmental Education Center In Hahamongna Watershed Park Project**, and

1. Certifies that the City has or will have available, prior to commencement of any work on the project included in this application, the sufficient funds to complete the project should this grant be awarded; and
2. Certifies that the City has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project, and
3. Certifies that the City has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the contract shown in the Grant Administration Guide; and
4. Certifies that this project is consistent with the applicable city or county, or appropriate planning document, as the case may be; and
5. Delegates the authority to the City Manager or Director of Public Works to conduct all negotiations, sign and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the project; and

6. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and guidelines.

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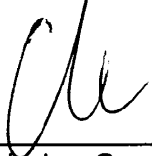
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