

# Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL JUNE 24, 2002

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF A JOURNAL VOUCHER RECOGNIZING \$8,000 FROM THE GETTY GRANT PROGRAM FOR A CONSERVATION STUDY OF FOUR EXISTING FOUNTAINS IN THE CIVIC CENTER.

## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve a journal voucher recognizing revenue from the Getty Grant Program in the amount of \$8,000 and appropriate it to revenue account 8115-101-444100-91071 to hire a consultant to conduct a conservation study and evaluation of four existing fountains in the Civic Center.
2. Authorize the City Manager to sign the grant documents for the City of Pasadena.

## BACKGROUND

In August 2001, the City applied to the Getty Grant Program ("Preserve L.A.") for funding to conduct a conservation study of four existing fountains in the Civic Center: the courtyard fountains in City Hall and the Central Library and the two Batchelder-tiled fountains at the intersection of E. Holly Street and N. Marengo Avenue. In March 2002, the Getty Grant Program approved the application and awarded the City a grant of \$8,000 to pay for the services of a materials conservator to evaluate the condition of the fountains and to develop a detailed plan for conservation and restoration of the fountains. Two of these fountains are inoperable, and the fountain in the courtyard of City Hall has extensive staining as well as spalling and cracking of the cast stone.

This study will include a training session with City staff responsible for maintenance of the four fountains. It will also present the City with updated information about the cost of restoring the fountains. The cost estimates and technical evaluation of the fountains will also allow the City to apply to the Getty Grant Program—in August of this year—for a second grant to fund the physical conservation of the fountains.

Last year, the City received a \$50,000 planning grant from the Getty to pay for a handbook with illustrated guidelines for residential historic districts. This project, now completed, will be presented to the City Council during the summer for final adoption.

**CONSISTENCY WITH THE GENERAL PLAN**

The proposed conservation study complies with the goals, policies, and objectives of the Land-use Element in the General Plan. The objective 6 of the land-use element, for example, encourages the City to "[p]romote preservation of historically and architecturally significant buildings and revitalization of traditional neighborhoods and commercial areas." The Civic Center Specific Plan (1989;1994) and the Civic Center/Mid-town Programming Effort Report (1998) both support preservation of historic resources and monuments in the Civic Center.

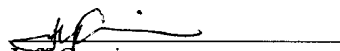
**FISCAL IMPACT**

The City benefits from this source of funding because it pays for the services of a qualified materials conservator, and it favorably positions the City to apply for other grants in the future. The Getty Grant Program does not require matching funds from the City for a planning grant.


Respectfully submitted,

  
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