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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR VARIOUS PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1 AND 2) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Request to adopt a resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application and acceptance of grant funds from the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development through the Housing-Related Parks Program.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find the proposed refurbishment projects categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act according to Section 15301 and Class 1 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the projects involve maintenance of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use.

2. Adopt a resolution to complete the submission process of a non-competitive grant application to the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development through its Housing-Related Parks Program to receive approximately $536,000 to be used for park improvements.

3. Delegate the authority to the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation or his designee, as agent of the County of Los Angeles, to accept the grants, conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, contracts, agreements, deed restrictions, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of aforementioned projects.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of these recommended actions is to complete the grant submission process as required by the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) through the Housing-Related Parks (HRP) Program. The HRP Program requires an adopted resolution approving the project from the applicant's governing Board. In addition, these recommended actions will fulfill your Board's requirement to accept the grant from the HCD. Grant applications are being submitted for the following projects:

City Terrace Park Refurbishment Project (Supervisorial District 1)

The City Terrace Park Refurbishment Project located at 1126 North Hazard Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90063 will replace the concrete slab in the existing group picnic shelter and install Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) -compliant rubber surfacing for existing play areas. The estimated total project cost is $268,000.

East Rancho Dominguez Park Refurbishment Project (Supervisorial District 2)

The East Rancho Dominguez Park Refurbishment Project located at 15116 S. Atlantic Avenue, Compton, CA 90221 will repave approximately 35,000 square feet of an existing parking lot. The estimated total project cost is $268,000.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendations further the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) by providing and enhancing safe recreational opportunities that benefit County residents.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Approval of the recommended actions will not have an impact on net County cost.

The estimated total project cost for the City Terrace Park Refurbishment Project is $268,000. The estimated total project cost for the East Rancho Dominguez Park Refurbishment Project is also $268,000. The total grant request amount is $536,000. The grant program does not require a funding match.

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

The recommended actions allow the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) to propose refurbishment projects for grant funding. Additional operating costs may emerge but are dependent on the final provisions of the grants. The Department will re-evaluate the grant projects and identify any additional operating costs upon acceptance of grant funds.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The HCD provides annual non-competitive funding opportunities through the HRP Program. The HRP program was designed to encourage cities and counties to develop new residential housing by rewarding jurisdictions that make housing affordable to lower-income household and are in compliance with State housing element law.

The HRP Program was established pursuant to Chapter 641, Statues of 2008 (AB 2494, Caballero), at Chapter 8 of Park 2 of Division 31 of the Health and Safety Code (commencing with Section 50700); and funded through Proposition 1C, the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006, Health and Safety Code Section 53545, subdivision (d).

Grant amounts are based on the number of bedrooms in newly constructed rental and ownership units for very low and low-income household for which there is documentation of a completed foundation inspection during the designated 12-month period covered by the Notice of Funding Availability. The HRP Program provides funds for parks and recreation projects that benefit the community and add to the quality of life. Grant funds may be used to construct, rehabilitate, or acquire capital assets. The project performance period is approximately four years from the date of grant contract execution and expiring in June 30, 2016.

The grant guidelines require adoption of a resolution to establish the governing Board's intent to apply for and accept the HCD grant funds. The resolution will authorize the submission of a grant application and will complete the grant request process for this grant program. The grant application was submitted by the March 30, 2012 due date and a draft resolution was permitted to be submitted with the grant application; however, an adopted resolution must be submitted to the State within 30 days of the due date.

In addition, the HRP Program provides bonus opportunities which will increase the grant amount. The bonus is determined following grant submission; therefore, it is possible that the original grant request amount of $536,000 will be increased.

County departments are required to attach Grant Management Statement forms when filing a Board Letter for grants of $100,000 or more. The Grant Management Statement form for the City Terrace Park Refurbishment Project and the East Rancho Dominguez Park Refurbishment Projects is attached.

County Counsel has reviewed this letter and approved the Resolution as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed projects are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 1 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the project involves maintenance of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The proposed actions will not have any impact on current services or projects.

CONCLUSION

It is requested that one adopted copy of this action be forwarded to the Chief Executive Office-Capital Projects Division, and two adopted copies be forwarded to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

RUSS GUINEY

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE HOUSING RELATED PARKS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) dated December 2, 2011, under its Housing Related Parks (HRP) Program.

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation (County DPR) desires to apply for a HRP Program grant and submit the 2011 Program Year Application Package released by the Department for the HRP Program.

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles is desirous of making capital improvements at County DPR parks within the First and Second Supervisorial Districts.

WHEREAS, the HCD is authorized to approve funding allocations for the HRP Program, subject to the terms and conditions of the NOFA, Program Guidelines, Application Package, and Standard Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors hereby:

1. Delegate authority to the Director of County DPR or his designee, as the agent of County of Los Angeles, to submit to HCD the HRP Program Application Package released January 2012 for the 2011 Designated Program Year, to accept grant funds, conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all the documents as required by the HRP Program, including but not limited to, a California Standard Agreement (Standard Agreement), amendments, deed restrictions, and payment requests, and any other activities which may be necessary to secure the HRP Program Grant from HCD.

2. The County DPR shall be subject to the terms and conditions specified in the Standard Agreement. Funds are to be used for allowable capital asset project expenditures to be identified in Exhibit A of the Standard Agreement. The application in full is incorporated as part of the Standard Agreement. Any and all activities funded, information provided, and timelines represented in the application are enforceable through the Standard Agreement. County DPR hereby agrees to use the funds for eligible capital asset(s) in the manner presented in the application as approved by the HCD and in accordance with the NOFA and Program Guidelines and Application Package.

The foregoing resolution was on the 17th day of April, 2012, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

SACHI A. HAMAI, Executive Officer-
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
of the County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOHN KRATTLI
Acting County Counsel

By _____
Christina A. Salseda
Principal Deputy County Counsel

Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office

Grant Management Statement for Grants $100,000 or More

Department: County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation

Grant Project Title and Description

City Terrace Park Refurbishment Project: The project is located at 1126 North Hazard Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90063 and will include replacement of the concrete slab in the existing group picnic shelter and installment of ADA-compliant rubber surfacing for existing play areas. The estimated total project cost is $268,000.

East Rancho Dominguez Park Refurbishment Project: The project is located at 15116 S. Atlantic Avenue, Compton, CA 90221, and will include repaving approximately 35,000 square feet of an existing parking lot. The estimated total project cost is $268,000.

Funding Agency	Program (Fed. Grant #/State Bill or Code #)	Grant Acceptance Deadline
State of California Department of Housing and Community Development	Housing-Related Parks Program	3/30/12

Total Amount of Grant Funding: $536,000	**County Match: None**	
Grant Period: Four years from the date of grant contract execution	**Begin Date: Summer 2012**	**End Date: 6/30/16**
Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant:	**Full Time: N/A**	**Part Time: N/A**

Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program? N/A	Yes:	No:
Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items? N/A	Yes:	No:
Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires? N/A	Yes:	No:
If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:		
a.) Absorb the program cost without reducing other services	Yes:	No:
b.) Identify other revenue sources (describe below)	Yes:	No:
c.) Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant.	Yes:	No:

Impact of additional personnel on existing space:

Other requirements not mentioned above:

Department Head Signature: _____ Date: 3-22-12