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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS

Los Angeles County Arts Commission Proposal for Conservation Services for Hugo Ballin Medical Sciences Fresco

The Countywide Proposition A's of 1992 and 1996, established the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (the District) and allocated millions of dollars to public agencies and non-profit organizations for the purpose of acquiring and developing facilities and open spaces for public recreation. The District grants funds relating to the improvement, restoration and/or rehabilitation of a property.

The ceiling fresco titled *Medical Sciences* by artist Hugo Ballin (1879-1956), in the entry vestibule of the historic general hospital at the LAC+USC Medical Center, is one of the oldest known artworks in the County's Civic Art Collection. It was completed in 1932 during the construction of the hospital. The fresco is in poor condition due to old water damage and the technique by which it was painted. Ballin is known for murals he created in many prominent buildings including the Los Angeles Times Building, Wilshire Temple, Burbank City Hall and the Griffith Park Observatory, but the County's mural is unique because it is the only true fresco he painted (i.e. painted directly on the wall, the others are painted on canvas), however, for this reason there are inherent condition issues that need to be addressed or the mural will eventually fade away. The fresco is one of the most significant artworks in the civic art collection and in Los Angeles County as a whole. It is imperative the County preserves and restores this historic treasure that belongs to the people of Los Angeles County.

The Los Angeles County Arts Commission through its Civic Art Program has a track record of successful conservation projects, including historic artworks. The Civic

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Art Program is proposing to apply for the funds to clean, repair and restore the fresco. Furthermore, the project includes a Youth Employment Plan. An “at-risk youth” (as defined by the District) will be hired to work as a paid intern with the conservation firm, which aligns with the Arts Commission’s Board directed Cultural Equity and Inclusion Initiative (CEII).

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Approve the attached resolution approving the application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for First District Excess Funds for the Conservation Services for Hugo Ballin Medical Sciences Fresco Project by the Los Angeles County Arts Commission.
2. Authorize the Executive Director of the Los Angeles County Arts Commission or designee to accept the funds in the amount of \$200,670 and submit all documents, including the project agreement and payment requests which may be necessary for the completion of the project.

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT
FOR 1ST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT EXCESS FUNDING FOR CONSERVATION
SERVICES FOR HUGO BALLIN MEDICAL SCIENCES FRESCO AND APPROVING THE
ADOPTION OF A YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the people of the County of Los Angeles on November 3, 1992, and on November 5, 1996 enacted Los Angeles County Proposition A, Safe Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree-Planting, Senior and Youth Recreation, Beach and Wildlife Protection (the Propositions), which among other uses, provides funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the County for the purpose of acquiring and/or development facilities and open space for public recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Propositions also created the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (the District) to administer said funds; and

WHEREAS, the District has set forth the necessary procedures governing application for grant funds under the Propositions, and

WHEREAS, the District's procedures require Los Angeles County Arts Commission to certify, by resolution, the approval of the application before submission of said application(s) to the District; and

WHEREAS, said application contains assurances that Los Angeles County Arts Commission must comply with; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles County Arts Commission certifies, through this resolution, that the application is approved for submission to the District; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles County Arts Commission will enter into an Agreement with the District to provide funds for acquisition and development projects.

WHEREAS, the District's procedures require the adoption of a Youth Employment Plan for development projects by the governing body of the agency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY:

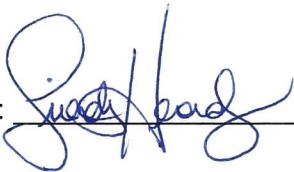
1. Approves the filing of an application with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Funds for the above project; and
2. Certifies that Los Angeles County Arts Commission understands the assurances and certification in the application form; and
3. Certifies that Los Angeles County Arts Commission has, or will have, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project in perpetuity; and

4. Certifies that Los Angeles County Arts Commission will sign and return, within 30 days, both copies of the project agreement sent by the District for authorizing signature; and
5. Approves the adoption of a Youth Employment Plan for the project (see attached); and
6. Appoints the Executive Director, or designee, to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so forth, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

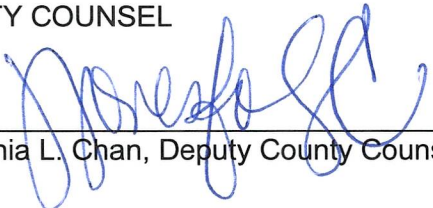
The foregoing resolution was on the 27TH day of MARCH, 2018, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which the Board also acts.



CELIA ZAVALA, Acting Executive Officer,
Board of Supervisors of the County of
Los Angeles

By: 

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
MARY C. WICKHAM
COUNTY COUNSEL

By: 
Sonia L. Chan, Deputy County Counsel



YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN

LAC+USC Medical Center, Historic General Hospital
Hugo Ballin *Medical Sciences* Fresco Conservation Project

BACKGROUND

The Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 is providing \$200,670 to the Los Angeles County Arts Commission for the conservation of one of the most historically significant artworks in the County's Civic Art Collection. On October 23, 2017, First District Supervisor Hilda Solis authorized expenditure of \$200,670 for the conservation of the Hugo Ballin *Medical Sciences* Fresco located in the historic General Hospital, at the LAC+USC Medical Center. The conservation will include cleaning, repairing cracks and flaking paint, in-painting areas of paint loss and re-gilding the gold leaf. Plans and specifications will be prepared to allow a separate contract for portions of the project that may feasibly be performed by an at-risk youth. The youth will be recruited from programs at the Wellness Center in the historic General Hospital where the artwork is located.

TASKS THAT MAY BE PERFORMED BY YOUTH

1. Assist conservators with written, graphic, and photographic documentation. (40%)
2. Research on artist Hugo Ballin and the artwork materials. (20%)
3. Aid with daily set-up and breakdown of equipment and supplies. This also includes job site cleaning and caring for tools and equipment. (40%)

ESTIMATED COST OF YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

Total estimated hours of youth employment: 120 hours

Cost per hour: × \$13.25 per hour

Total estimated cost of youth employment: \$1,590

METHOD OF YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

The Wellness Center, under a contract with the County, will provide a local youth in conformance with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's (District) definition of "at-risk youth." Given the nature of the work only youth ages 18-24 will be considered for this project.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT GOAL

Under the provisions of the District's policy on employment of at-risk youth, the Youth Employment Goal (YEG) of the Hugo Ballin *Medical Sciences* Fresco Conservation Project is \$1,590. Given the nature of the work, the youth selected for this project must be between 18 and 24 years old. The purpose of having one youth worker is to give that individual a more in-depth opportunity as well as providing consistency for the project. The individual must be an adult for safety reasons.