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July 20, 2004

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:

ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AND AUTHORIZATION OF APPLICATIONS TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND FOR THE BALI GATEWAY PARK AND FIJI GATEWAY PARK PROJECTS – MARINA DEL REY (4TH DISTRICT)(3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the adoption of the attached resolution (Attachment 1) is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Class 4 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines; and

2. Adopt the attached resolution authorizing the submittal of applications to the California Department of Parks and Recreation for funding for the proposed Bali Gateway Park and Fiji Gateway Park Projects in Marina del Rey under the Land Water and Conservation Fund, and delegating authority to the Director of Beaches and Harbors, or his designee, as agent of the County, to conduct all negotiations and execute and submit all documents pertaining to the grant application, including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests.

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Stan Wisniewski Director ● Kerry Gottlieb Chief Deputy

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The two projects that the Department is seeking grant funding for are:

Bali Gateway Park Project

The project, located at the eastern gateway to Marina del Rey at the corner of Bali Way and Lincoln Boulevard, consists of the development of a 0.52-acre public park. The project will provide picnicking and open sitting areas, picnic tables, benches, landscaping and irrigation, and security lighting, and installation of a signature water feature and Marina wayfinding elements.

Fiji Gateway Park Project

The project, located at the southern gateway to Marina del Rey at the corner of Fiji Way and Lincoln Boulevard, consists of the development of a 0.47-acre public park. The project includes the same components as the Bali Gateway Park Project.

Adoption of this resolution by your Board will authorize the Department to complete the submission of grant applications to the State of California Resources Agency, Department of Parks and Recreation (State), for funding of the proposed projects through the Land Water and Conservation Fund Program. In order for the applications to be considered for funding, a resolution adopted by your Board is required.

The State's competitive grant program entitled the Land Water and Conservation Fund (LWCF) awards matching grants on a competitive basis to designated governmental agencies for the acquisition and development of facilities that provide for or support outdoor recreation. This year, approximately $4.2 million is available statewide for competitive grants to local agencies, sixty percent for Southern California and forty percent for Northern California. The State indicates the maximum grant award will be approximately $290,000 per project.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Bali Gateway Park and Fiji Gateway Park Projects will support outdoor recreation and complete entry gateway elements (e.g., water feature, identification elements and signage) along the edge of a passive park setting. The authorization to submit these grant applications offers a potential partial funding opportunity for public park amenities. Thereby, the County's Strategic Plan Goals of "Fiscal Responsibility" and "Service Excellence" are both furthered. In addition, implementation of these two park projects in

Marina del Rey is consistent with the Department's Marina del Rey Park Enhancement Plan that was submitted to the California Coastal Commission in September 2002.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The LWCF program has a matching fund requirement and requires one applicant dollar to one LWCF dollar awarded. The required match may be met through local, state or private funds, as well as in-kind services. The preliminary cost estimate for the Bali Gateway Park Project is $888,056. The proposed grant request is $288,056, based primarily on funding for grant-eligible program elements. Accordingly, the required match amount is a minimum of $288,056, to be supplemented by an additional $311,944, in Department funds to complete the Bali Gateway Park Project.

The preliminary cost estimate for the Fiji Gateway Park Project is $889,760. The proposed grant request is $289,760, based primarily on funding for grant-eligible program elements. Accordingly, the required match amount is a minimum of $289,760, to be supplemented by an additional $310,240, in Department funds to complete the Fiji Gateway Park Project.

The Department will return to your Board for final project approval and final identification of matching funds, if grant awards are secured, for the projects.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Department of Beaches and Harbors will be notified in October 2004 whether awards have been granted. If any of the grants are awarded, the Department will be required to execute a contract with the State to expend those funds in accordance with the LWCF grant procedural guide. Grant funds will be paid on a reimbursement basis and a federally-approved surcharge will be deducted from each reimbursement.

This Board letter is being submitted to the Small Craft Harbor Commission for review at its July 14, 2004 meeting, requesting endorsement of the recommendations herein. The outcome of the Commission's review will be reported prior to your Board's action on this matter. County Counsel has reviewed and approved the attached resolution as to form.

Operating Budget Impact

Prior to final approval of the projects, the Department will return to your Board with estimated one-time start-up costs and ongoing operating costs for these projects.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Class 4 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

If funding is awarded and the projects constructed, the Bali Gateway Park and Fiji Gateway Park Projects will provide new public park amenities in Marina del Rey.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to forward three (3) conformed copies of the resolution to the Department of Beaches and Harbors, along with three (3) approved copies of this letter.

Respectfully submitted,

Stan Wisniewski
Director

Attachments (3)

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

RESOLUTION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVING THE SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:

BALI GATEWAY PARK
FIJI GATEWAY PARK

WHEREAS, the Congress under Public Law 88-578 has authorized the establishment of a federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant-In-Aid program, providing matching funds to the State of California and its political subdivisions for acquiring lands and developing facilities for public outdoor recreation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Parks and Recreation is responsible for administration of the program in the State, setting up necessary rules and procedures governing applications by local agencies under the program; and

WHEREAS, said adopted procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of applications and the availability of eligible matching funds prior to submission of said applications to the State; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Bali Gateway Park and Fiji Gateway Park Projects are consistent with the Statewide Comprehensive Recreation Resources Plan (*California Outdoor Recreation Plan - 2002*);

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

1. Approves the filing by the Department of Beaches and Harbors (Applicant) of grant applications for Land and Water Conservation Fund assistance for the proposed Bali Gateway Park and Fiji Gateway Park Projects; and

2. Certifies that said Applicant has available eligible matching funds to comply with the funding requirements of the projects for which the grant funds awarded will be paid on a reimbursement basis; and

3. Appoints Stan Wisniewski, Director of Beaches and Harbors, or his designee, as agent of the Applicant to conduct all negotiations and execute and submit all documents pertaining to the grant application, including, but not limited to, applications, contracts, amendments, and payment requests.

The foregoing resolution was, on the _____ day of _____, 2004, 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.

Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer-
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of
the County of Los Angeles

By: _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

By: _____
Deputy

Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Office

Grant Management Statement for Grants $100,000 or More

Department: Department of Beaches and Harbors

Grant Project Title and Description: Bali Gateway Park Project

The project entails the development of a 0.52-acre public park and includes picnicking and open sitting areas, picnic tables, benches, landscaping and irrigation, and security lighting, and installation of a signature water feature and Marina wayfinding elements.

Funding Agency	Program (Fed. Grant #/State Bill or Code #)	Grant Acceptance Deadline
State Department of Parks and Recreation	Land and Water Conservation Fund	N/A

Total Amount of Grant Funding: $288,056	**County Match:** $288,056	
Grant Period: TBA	**Begin Date:** TBA	**End Date:** TBA
Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant: N/A	**Full Time:**	**Part Time:**

Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program?	Yes___	No__N/A
Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items?	Yes___	No__N/A
Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires?	Yes___	No__N/A
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__N/A
b.) Identify other revenue sources (describe below)_	Yes___	No__N/A
c.) Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant.	Yes___	No__N/A

Impact of additional personnel on existing space:

N/A

Other requirements not mentioned above:

N/A

This is an application to a capital expenditure grant program for the development of permanent park amenities.

Department Head Signature Stan Wisnewski Date: 7/9/07

Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Office

Grant Management Statement for Grants $100,000 or More

Department: Department of Beaches and Harbors

Grant Project Title and Description: Fiji Gateway Park Project

The project entails the development of a 0.47-acre public park and includes picnicking and open sitting areas, picnic tables, benches, landscaping and irrigation, and security lighting, and installation of a signature water feature and Marina wayfinding elements.

Funding Agency	**Program** (Fed. Grant #/State Bill or Code #)	**Grant Acceptance Deadline**
State Department of Parks and Recreation	Land and Water Conservation Fund	N/A

Total Amount of Grant Funding: $289,760	**County Match:** $289,760	
Grant Period: TBA	**Begin Date:** TBA	**End Date:** TBA
Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant: N/A	**Full Time:**	**Part Time:**

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Impact of additional personnel on existing space:

N/A

Other requirements not mentioned above:

N/A

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rtment Head Signature Stan Wunderlich Date: 7/9/04