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

Dear Supervisors:

PARKS AND RECREATION: ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION STATEWIDE PARK DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROGRAM OF 2008 (SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2, 4 AND 5) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Request to adopt a resolution authorizing the submission of four competitive grant applications to the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation's Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program of 2008. This Statewide Park Program is funded by the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84).

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the Martin Luther King Fitness Center and Charles White Park Improvements projects are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act according to Sections 15301 (c), 15303 (e) and 15304 (a) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and Classes 1 (f), 3(b) and 4 (a) of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the projects to be undertaken using the grant funds involve alteration of existing facilities, construction of new small facilities and minor grading and landscaping.

2. Adopt the Resolution authorizing the submittal of four competitive grant applications to the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation under the Statewide Park Program for the following projects:

▪ 4th Avenue Park Development	$ 5,000,000
▪ Hillgrove Park Development	$ 5,000,000
▪ Martin Luther King Fitness Center	$ 835,476
▪ Charles White Park Improvements	$ 4,740,136

3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, as agent of the County of Los Angeles, to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to the project grant agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the award and acceptance of grant funds.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to complete the grant submission process as required by the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation's Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program of 2008 (Statewide Park Program) grant guidelines.

Approval of the recommended actions does not constitute final approval of the four projects described herein. If the subject grants funds are awarded to and accepted for these projects, the Chief Executive Office will return to your Board to recommend approval of final project scope of work, total project budget and method of delivery for each project.

4th Avenue Park Development (Supervisorial District 1)

The proposed project will construct a new 5-acre neighborhood park located at 553 South 4th Avenue in the unincorporated community of La Puente, California. The new park's amenities will include a skate park, two Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant play areas, picnic areas, walking/jogging pathways, parking, restroom, landscaping, and irrigation. The estimated total cost of development is $6,330,849. The total grant request is $5,000,000; the balance of the funding will be provided by the Los Angeles County Community Development Commission (CDC).

Hillgrove Park Development (Supervisorial District 4)

The proposed project will construct a new 7.6-acre park located at 1234 Valencia Avenue in Hacienda Heights, California. The new park's amenities will include a 20,000 square foot community center, sports field, walking path, par course exercise stations, tot play area, amphitheater, parking, lighting, landscaping, and irrigation. The estimated total cost of development for the entire project is $20,932,127. The grant request is $5,000,000; the balance of the required funding will be provided by Various Fourth District Improvements Capital Project Funds and the Puente Hills Landfill – Community Benefit and Environmental Trust Funds.

Martin Luther King (MLK) Fitness Center (Supervisorial District 2)

The proposed project will provide new site development to the exterior of the South Health Center located at 1522 East 102nd Street in Los Angeles, California. The new site will include a walking path, par course exercise area, lighting, landscaping, and irrigation. The estimated total project cost and grant request is $835,476.

Charles White Park Improvements (Supervisorial District 5)

The proposed project will provide improvements to Charles White Park located at 77 Mountain View Street in Altadena, California. The improvements will provide the following new amenities: splash pad, basketball court, pathways, par course, parking, lighting, landscaping, and irrigation. The estimated total cost of the improvements and grant request is $4,740,136.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These recommended actions meet the following County's approved Strategic Plan Goals: Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) by maximizing the effectiveness of the County's processes, structure, and operations to support timely delivery of customer-oriented and efficient public services; Children, Family and Adult Well-Being (Goal 2) by promoting outdoor recreation; and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3) by enriching the lives of Los Angeles County's residents and visitors by providing access to cultural, recreational and learning facilities programs and ensuring quality regional open space.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Approval of the recommended actions will not have an impact on net County cost. The grant program does not require a funding match, but additional funding will be provided as follows.

The estimated cost for 4th Avenue Park Development is $6,330,849. The grant amount requested is $5,000,000; the balance of $1,330,849 will be provided by CDC.

The estimated cost and grant request for the MLK Fitness Center is $835,476.

The estimated cost for the Hillgrove Park Development is $20,932,127. The grant amount requested is $5,000,000; the balance of $15,932,127 will be provided by Various Fourth District Improvements Capital Project Funds and the Puente Hills Landfill – Community Benefit and Environmental Trust Funds.

The estimated cost and grant request for the Charles White Park improvements is $4,740,136.

Operating Budget Impact

The recommended actions allow the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) to submit park development projects for grant funding. Additional operating costs may materialize but is dependent on which project(s) is awarded by the grantor. The Department will identify the additional operating costs upon award and acceptance of grant funds.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On November 7, 2006, California voters passed the $5.4 billion Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84). Funding for the Statewide Park Program was made available through the Sustainable Communities and Climate Change Reduction chapter in Proposition 84.

The $368 million Statewide Park Program (Program) is administered by California State Parks and provides funds to counties, cities, districts, non-profits, and joint powers authorities. The grant funds will be available in a minimum of two rounds of approximately $196 million each. The Program awards grants on a competitive basis for the creation of new parks and new recreation opportunities in proximity to the most

critically underserved communities across California. The creation of new parks in underserved neighborhoods will be given priority.

The Program implementing legislation requires that proposed projects meet six eligibility requirements: 1) Critical lack of park space or significant poverty; 2) type of project; 3) safe public use; 4) sustainable techniques; 5) project funding; and 6) fees and hours of operation. Eligible projects must be either an acquisition and development combination project or a development project. The application deadline is March 1, 2010.

The CDC received funding from the First Supervisorial District to acquire and develop 4th Avenue Park. It has been the past practice of CDC that upon completion of the project, that it transfer the property to the Department for operation and maintenance.

With regards to the MLK Fitness Center project, the property is owned by the County. However, there is a strip of land, adjacent to the property, located on Bandera Street that needs to be vacated to complete the project. Negotiations are currently being conducted with the property owners, CDC and the Los Angeles County Fire District.

On January 27, 2009, the County of Los Angeles entered into an Option Agreement for Ground Lease and Joint Use with the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District for the Hillgrove Park Development Project.

Charles White Park is owned by the County.

Adoption of the attached Resolution is required in order to establish the Board's intent to apply for State grant funds. Notification of award is scheduled to be announced in September 2010, and grantees will receive a contract with the award letter.

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 forms for the proposed projects are attached.

If the grant(s) is awarded, a grant agreement(s) must be executed between the Department and State Department of Parks and Recreation. The Department must comply with all the requirements set forth in the Grantor's procedural guide.

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

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The MLK Fitness Center and Charles White Park projects are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Sections 15301, 15303 (d), (e) and 15304 (a), (b) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 1 (f), 3(b) and 4 (a) of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the projects involve alteration of existing facilities, construction of new small facilities and minor grading and landscaping

The Department is the lead agency for the 4th Avenue and Hillgrove Park Development projects and upon confirmation of the projects' detailed scopes of work; it will prepare the appropriate CEQA documentation to be returned to your Board for approval prior to construction.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

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

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM T FUJIOKA
Chief Executive Officer

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Attachments

c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
County Counsel
Department of Parks and Recreation

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

4th Avenue Park Development: The proposed project will construct a new 5-acre neighborhood park located at 553 South 4th Avenue in La Puente, California. The new park's amenities will include a skate park, two ADA play areas, picnic areas, walking/jogging pathways, parking, restroom, landscaping, and irrigation.

Funding Agency	Program (Fed. Grant #/State Bill or Code #)	Grant Acceptance Deadline
California State Parks	Proposition 84 – Statewide Park Program	March 1, 2010

Total Amount of Grant Funding: $5,000,000	**County Match: None**	
Grant Period: 8 years from appropriation	**Begin Date: 7/1/2009**	**End Date: 6/30/2017**
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?	Yes: X	No:
If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will: N/A		
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: _____

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

Hillgrove Park Development: The proposed project will construct a new 7.6-acre park located at 1234 Valencia Avenue in Hacienda Heights, California. The new park's amenities will include a 20,000 square foot community center, sports field, walking path, par course exercise stations, tot play area, amphitheater, parking, lighting, landscaping, and irrigation.

Funding Agency	Program (Fed. Grant #/State Bill or Code #)	Grant Acceptance Deadline
California State Parks	Proposition 84 – Statewide Park Program	March 1, 2010

Total Amount of Grant Funding: $5,000,000	**County Match: None**	
Grant Period: 8 years from appropriation	**Begin Date: 7/1/2009**	**End Date: 6/30/2017**
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?	Yes: X	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: _____

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

Martin Luther King Fitness Center - The proposed project will provide new site development to the exterior of South Health Center located at 1522 East 102nd Street in Los Angeles, California. The new site will include a walking path, par course exercise area, lighting, landscaping, and irrigation.

Funding Agency	Program (Fed. Grant #/State Bill or Code #)	Grant Acceptance Deadline
California State Parks	Proposition 84 - Statewide Park Program	March 1, 2010

Total Amount of Grant Funding: $835,476	**County Match: None**	
Grant Period: 8 years from appropriation	**Begin Date: 7/1/2009**	**End Date: 6/30/2017**
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?	Yes: X	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: _____

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

Charles White Park Improvements: The proposed project will provide improvements to Charles White Park located at 77 Mountain View Street in Altadena, California. The improvements will provide the following new amenities: splash pad, basketball court, pathways, par course, parking lighting, landscaping, and irrigation.

Funding Agency	Program (Fed. Grant #/State Bill or Code #)	Grant Acceptance Deadline
California State Parks	Proposition 84 – Statewide Park Program	March 1, 2010

Total Amount of Grant Funding: $4,740,136	**County Match: None**	
Grant Period: 8 years from appropriation	**Begin Date: 7/1/2009**	**End Date: 6/30/2017**
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?	Yes: X	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: _____

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATIONS AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATEWIDE PARK PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS

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 Statewide Park Program, setting up necessary procedures governing the applications; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of applications before submission of said applications to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will enter into contracts with the State of California to complete the grant scope projects;

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

1. Approves the submission of grant applications for four projects: 4th Avenue Park Development, Hillgrove Park Development, Charles White Park Improvements, and Martin Luther King Fitness Center:

2. Authorizes acceptance of grant funds from the Statewide Park Program;

3. Certifies that said applicant has or will have available, prior to commencement of any work on the projects included in these applications, the sufficient funds to complete the projects;

4. Certifies that the applicant has or will have the sufficient funds to operate and maintain the projects;

5. Certifies that the applicant has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the contract shown in the Grant Administration Guide;

6. Appoints the Director of Parks and Recreation or his designee, as agent of the County of Los Angeles to accept the grant, conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including but not limited to, applications, contracts, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, and compliance with all applicable current state and federal laws which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned projects; and

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

The foregoing resolution was on the 23rd day of February, 2010, 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
County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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