



Los Angeles County Regional Park And Open Space District

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The Honorable Board of Directors
County of Los Angeles
Regional Park and Open Space District
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ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

1-P May 13, 2014

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Directors:

**ALLOCATE CITIES EXCESS FUNDS
AVAILABLE TO THE FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AND
AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF
AN EXCESS FUND GRANT TO THE CITY OF MONTEBELLO FOR
THE GRANT REA PARK ADA COMPLIANCE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
(FIRST DISTRICT)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate \$500,000 in Cities Excess Funds, available to the First Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the City of Montebello for the Grant Rea Park ADA Compliance Improvements Project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find the proposed Grant Rea Park ADA Compliance Improvements Project in the City of Montebello categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act because the project involves maintenance and addition to existing structures, construction of small new facilities, and minor alterations in the condition of land, and for the reasons stated herein and the reasons reflected in the record of the project.
2. Allocate \$500,000 in Cities Excess Funds, available to the First Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the City of Montebello for the proposed Grant Rea Park ADA Compliance Improvements Project.
3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as the Director

of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a grant to the City of Montebello in the amount of \$500,000 for the proposed Grant Rea Park ADA Compliance Improvements Project if applicable conditions have been met, and to administer the grant as of the date of this action and pursuant to the procedures in the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects; otherwise, funds shall remain in the Excess Funds account.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate \$500,000 in Cities Excess Funds, available to the First Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), to the City of Montebello (City) for the proposed Grant Rea Park ADA Compliance Improvements Project (Project).

The proposed Project involves the design and construction of various enhancements throughout Grant Rea Park to comply with Americans with Disability Act (ADA) requirements. The scope of work consists of providing concrete walkways and signage, expanding restrooms, installing ADA compliant parking spaces, and other ADA conforming improvements. The proposed Project will be fully funded by the recommended \$500,000 of Cities Excess Funds.

It is also recommended, that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director), in his capacity as the Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, be authorized to award the grant when applicable conditions have been met, such as grantee qualifications, consistency between the projects and requirements of the 1996 Proposition, and grantee agreement with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the proposed Project, if applicable, and to administer the grant pursuant to the Procedural Guide previously approved by the Board.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions will further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) by enhancing health-promoting recreational opportunities in the City in the First Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the Excess Funds grant, in the amount of \$500,000 is budgeted in the First Supervisorial District's portion of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD) Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. The City has met this requirement.

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended grant will be funded from the Excess Funds available to the First Supervisorial District for Cities projects.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director would be authorized to award grants when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a Project Agreement in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

On June 2, 2009, the Board approved the Procedural Guide to govern the administration of RPOSD grants. The Procedural Guide will appropriately govern the administration of the recommended grant as well.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

All projects funded by RPOSD are required to comply with CEQA as a condition of the grant. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for the project. The City is the lead agency for the proposed Project.

The proposed Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The proposed Project consists of repair and maintenance of existing community centers, restrooms, and parking lots; expansion of restrooms south of the park in order to make them ADA compliant; installation of field furnishings; and provision of an ADA compliant t-ball baseball field, concrete walkways, signage, and parking spaces, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15301(d)(e), 15303(e) and 15304(a) of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Classes 1(c)(g), 3(b) and 4(a) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the proposed Project involves repair and maintenance of existing structures, addition to existing structures such that the addition will not result in an increase of more than 2,500 square feet, installation of accessory structures, and minor alterations in the condition of land.

The proposed Project does not include expansion of any existing use, meaning structures replaced will be located on the same site as existing structures and will have the same purpose and capacity, and the proposed Project will not involve the removal of healthy, mature or scenic trees. Additionally, the proposed Project is not in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, or other limiting factors that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the proposed Project records.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

A Project Agreement will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 2009 only if all applicable conditions of the grant have been met. The Project Agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will have no impact on any other projects funded by RPOSD, but are required so that the City may proceed with the proposed Project, if all applicable conditions are met.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Executive Office, Facilities and Asset Management Division, and one to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney".

RUSS GUINEY

Director

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