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The Honorable Board of Directors
County of Los Angeles
Regional Park and Open Space District
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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Directors:

**ALLOCATE CITIES EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO
THE THIRD AND FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS TO
THE CITY OF SAN MARINO AND AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF A GRANT TO
THE FRIENDS OF THE MICHAEL WHITE ADOBE FOR
THE MICHAEL WHITE ADOBE REHABILITATION PROJECT
(THIRD AND FIFTH DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate \$25,000 in Cities Excess Funds to the City of San Marino for a grant to the Friends of the Michael White Adobe for the rehabilitation of the Michael White Adobe.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed Michael White Adobe Rehabilitation Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated herein and the reasons reflected in the record of the Project.
2. Allocate Cities Excess Funds, a not-to-exceed amount of \$10,000 and available to the Third Supervisorial District, to the City of San Marino for a grant to the Friends of the Michael White Adobe for the Michael White Adobe Rehabilitation Project.
3. Allocate Cities Excess Funds, a not-to-exceed amount of \$15,000 and available to the Fifth Supervisorial District, to the City of San Marino for a grant to the Friends of the Michael White Adobe for the Michael White Adobe Rehabilitation Project.

4. 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 not-to-exceed \$25,000 to the Friends of the Michael White Adobe for the Michael White Adobe Rehabilitation Project, after the City of San Marino assigns the right to apply to the Friends of the Michael White Adobe and if applicable conditions have been met; and to administer the grant as of the date of this action and pursuant to 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 Cities Excess Funds, available to the Third and Fifth Supervisorial Districts pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), in an amount not-to-exceed \$10,000 and \$15,000, respectively, to the City of San Marino (City) for a grant to the Friends of the Michael White Adobe (FOMWA) for the proposed Michael White Adobe Restoration Project (Project).

FOMWA is a non-profit organization dedicated to preservation of the historic Michael White Adobe (Adobe). The Adobe, located adjacent to San Marino High School, is one of the only 39 nineteenth century adobes remaining in Los Angeles County.

The Project consists of rehabilitation of the Adobe, including replacement of deteriorated adobe blocks with new stabilized adobe blocks.

The total Project cost is estimated at \$35,000. The recommended Cities Excess Funds will be supplemented with \$10,000 in private grants and donations.

It is also recommended that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director), in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, be authorized to award the grant after the City assigns the right to apply to FOMWA and only if 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 project; and to administer the grant pursuant to the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects 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/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) by enhancing health-promoting recreational opportunities in the Fifth Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the Excess Funds grant, in the amount of \$25,000, is budgeted in the respective Third and Fifth Supervisorial District portions 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 and FOMWA have each 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 Third and Fifth Supervisorial Districts for Cites projects.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director will 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 grant contract 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 of San Marino is the lead agency for the proposed Project.

The proposed Project is categorically exempt from CEQA according to Sections 15302(c) and 15331 of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Class 2 (e) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the Project involves replacement and rehabilitation of the existing structures and facilities consistent with the Secretary of Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for the Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reconstructing Historic Buildings (1995; Weeks and Grimmer). In addition, the Project is not in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, or other limiting factors that would make use of the exemption inapplicable based on the Project records.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

A Grant 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)

The recommended actions will have no impact on any other projects funded by RPOSD, but are required for the enhancement of safe and accessible recreational opportunities in the Third and Fifth Supervisorial Districts.

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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