



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
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Directors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

1-P December 15, 2015

PATRICK OGAWA
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**ALLOCATE SPECIFIED EXCESS FUNDS
AVAILABLE TO THE FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT
AND AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF A GRANT
TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
FOR THE TESORO ADOBE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate an amount not to exceed \$100,000 in Specified Excess Funds, available to the Fifth Supervisorial District pursuant to the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the Department of Parks and Recreation for general improvements at Tesoro Adobe Park.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed Tesoro Adobe Improvements 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 Specified Excess Funds available to the Fifth Supervisorial District, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, to the Department of Parks and Recreation for the Tesoro Adobe Improvements Project.
3. Authorize the Acting Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as the Acting Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a grant to the Department of Parks and Recreation when 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 Specified Excess Funds, available to the Fifth Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition) in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, to the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) for the Tesoro Adobe Improvements Project (Project).

The proposed Project involves general improvements in the historic Tesoro Adobe Park, including rehabilitation of the museum and other park buildings and purchase and installation of utilities, finishes, fixtures, and park amenities. The total project cost is estimated at \$400,000. The recommended Specified Excess Funds will be supplemented with \$300,000 of Quimby Funds.

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

In order to be eligible to utilize Excess Funds, a grantee must have expended or committed to expenditure all of the funds allocated to that grantee in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 (1992 and 1996 Propositions A). Of the total allocated in the 1992 and 1996 Propositions A to DPR, \$312,949 remains unspent. DPR is currently developing a project proposal for the unspent funds. As a result of the unspent funds, the Excess Funds for the proposed Project will be awarded to DPR after the Board's approval of the recommendations, but will only be available to DPR for reimbursement of eligible Project costs when the unspent \$312,949 is also committed to expenditure through an executed Grant Project Agreement (Agreement). The Board's approval of DPR's project proposal for the \$312,949 will also be sought on a separate agenda item in the near future.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended action will further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goal of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) by providing healthy activities in the Fifth Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grant in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 is budgeted in the Fifth Supervisorial District portion of the Los Angeles Regional Park and Open Space District's (RPOSD) Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the 1992 and 1996 Propositions A encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. After the commitment of the unspent \$312,949, DPR will meet 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 1992 and 1996 Propositions A. The Project will be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Fifth Supervisorial District.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Acting Director will be authorized to award grant 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 for governing the administration of District grants. The Procedural Guide will also appropriately govern the administration of the recommended additional grants.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

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

The proposed Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The Project, which involves general improvements in the historic Tesoro Adobe Park, including rehabilitation of the museum and other park buildings and purchase and installation of utilities, finishes, fixtures, and park amenities, 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 (a) (d) and 15331 of the State CEQA Guidelines, and Class 1 (c) (d) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the Project involves interior or exterior alterations involving such things as interior partition, plumbing, and electrical conveyances; restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures and facilities to meet current standards of public health and safety at existing public facilities; and the rehabilitation of historical resources 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.

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

The Agreement will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Acting 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 Agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These 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 Fifth Supervisorial District.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this Board letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Programs Division; and one to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,



JOHN WICKER

Acting Director

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County Counsel
Acting Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors