



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

"Parks Make Life Better!"

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ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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

28 July 9, 2024

Dear Supervisors:

EDWARD YEN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO APPLY FOR FUTURE GRANT FUNDING AND TO
SUBMIT AND EXECUTE ALL REQUIRED GRANT APPLICATION DOCUMENTS
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Director of Parks and Recreation to apply for, accept and execute grant agreements and other required documents for federal, State of California, local, and private funding to support park projects and programs up to \$5,000,000 for a term of five years.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed actions are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter and the record.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of Parks and Recreation, or her designee (Chief Deputy Director, Administrative Deputy, or Deputy Director of Planning and Development), to accept grant funds up to \$5,000,000, conduct all negotiations and submit and execute all documents including, but not limited to, applications, grant, funding and partnership agreements related to the grant, amendments, deed restrictions, payment requests which may be necessary for the completion of the projects with various federal, State of California, local, and private funding.
3. Adopt the attached resolution, which is a requirement by some funding agencies to complete their application process such as granting the submittal of the grant application, certifying various grant requirements and providing sufficient funds to maintain and operate the project. (Exhibit A)

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to authorize the Director (Director) of the Department Parks and Recreation (Department), or her designee, to submit applications for grants up to \$5,000,000, conduct all negotiations, accept grant funds, and to execute and submit all required documents which may be necessary for the completion of the projects with Federal , State of California, local, and private funding.

Examples of grant funded projects include but are not limited to, recreational programs, open space enhancements, bicycle and walking paths, multi-use trails, habitat enhancements, park improvements, urban greening, environmental education, play structures, athletic fields, and sports courts. Authorizing the Director, or her designee, to facilitate to submit grant applications and execute agreements will help accelerate the delivery of these projects.

These actions will allow the Department to submit applications for local, Federal, State and private grant funding to various agencies such as National Parks Service, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, Baldwin Hills and Urban Watersheds Conservancy, Wildlife Conservation Board, Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, LA84 Foundation, and LA Dodgers Foundation.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions will further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goal to Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities, address to Sustainability focus on environmental justice and Natural Resources support thriving ecosystems, habitats, and biodiversity. (North Star 2.D.iii).

The recommended actions are also consistent with the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goal to Realize Tomorrow's Government Today, address Communication and Public Access by enhancing participatory Budgeting to provide opportunities for grant applications and associated revenue. (North Star 3.A.iii).

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Grant funds awarded to the Department may fully or partially offset the cost of various projects. The grant funds will be included in the Department's Operating Budget or Capital Project Budget through the annual budget process. The Department will return to the Board for acceptance of grant funds awarded above \$5,000,000.

Operating Budget Impact

One-time and ongoing operating costs may result from grant-funded projects. If applicable, the Department will submit a New Facilities funding request for these costs in the appropriate fiscal year.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Various grantors require that the grantee submit an adopted resolution by its governing body authorizing the submission of the grant application and acceptance of grant funds and certifies that the Department has reviewed, understands and agrees to the grantor's general provision.

On June 11, 2019, the Board delegated authority to the Director, or her designee (Chief Deputy Director, Administrative Deputy, or Deputy Director of Planning and Development), to apply for, accept and execute grant agreements up to \$2,000,000 for federal, State of California, local, and private funding for five years. This delegated authority expires on June 12, 2024.

The Department will return to the Board for acceptance of grant funds above \$5,000,000.

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

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The recommended actions are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because they are activities that are excluded from the definition of a project by section 21065 of the Public Resources Code and section 15378(b)(4) of the State CEQA Guidelines. The proposed actions involve the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Authorization of any future project activities would occur only following compliance with CEQA, and the department will return to the Board for consideration of appropriate environmental documentation.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This action will not have any impact on current services or projects.

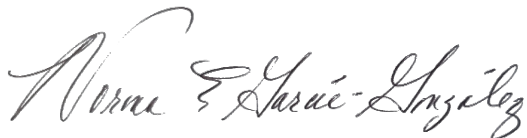
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CONCLUSION

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

Should you have any questions, please contact Luva Robinson at (626) 588-5246 or lrobinson@parks.lacounty.gov, Johanna Hernandez at (626) 588-5370 or bh@parks.lacounty.gov.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director

NEGG:JS:FP:LR:lr

Attachment

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

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO APPLY FOR AND EXECUTE GRANTS FROM LOCAL,
FEDERAL, AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR PARK RELATED PROJECTS AND
PROGRAMS EFFECTIVE FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS FROM DATE OF ADOPTION**

WHEREAS, local, federal and State of California agencies offer grants to support park and recreational projects and programs for the benefit of jurisdictions within the State and has delegated the responsibility for administration of these grants to different agencies, including but not limited to Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Department of Transportation, National Parks Service, California Department of Parks and Recreation, California Natural Resources Agency, San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy California Strategic Growth Council Wildlife Conservation Board Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District; and

WHEREAS, local, federal and state agencies established procedures governing the application and grant management process for jurisdictions for the grants; and

WHEREAS, local, federal and State agencies require a resolution from a jurisdiction authorizing application for grants and execution of grant-related documents; and

WHEREAS, the local, federal, and State agencies require a resolution from a jurisdiction authorizing it to act as the lead agency on behalf of itself and its participating jurisdictions in partnership for grant projects; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles (County) through its Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) desires to utilize grant funding and is seeking a resolution from the County's Board of Supervisors to satisfy the local, federal and State agencies requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Board of Supervisors of the County hereby:

1. Authorizes the submittal of grant applications to local, federal and State agencies by the County through the Department for park and recreational projects and programs.
2. Certifies that the Department understands the assurances and certification(s) in the applications.
3. Certifies that the Department will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project or will secure the resources to do so.
4. Certifies that the project will comply with any laws and regulations, including but not limited to, legal requirements for building codes, health and safety codes, disabilities access laws, and environmental laws; and that prior to commencement of construction, all applicable permits will have been obtained.
5. Certifies that the Department will work toward the Governor's State Planning priorities intended to promote equity, strengthen the economy, protect the environment, and promote public health and safety.
6. Certifies that the Department will expend grant funds within the designated time frame.

7. Certifies that the Department has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the general provisions contained in the sample contract provided.
8. Authorizes and empowers the Director of the Department or her designee (Chief Deputy; Administrative Deputy; Deputy Director, Planning and Development) to execute all necessary applications, agreements (e.g. grant, funding/partnership) reports, and amendments thereto, and payment requests for the purpose of securing grants.
9. Certifies that the resolution is effective for five years from the date of adoption.

The foregoing resolution was adopted on the 9th day of July, 2024, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles acting as the governing body of the Department of Parks and Recreation.



EDWARD YEN
Executive Officer-Clerk of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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COUNTY COUNSEL

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