



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

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CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

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March 1, 2011

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
California

## RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the attached Resolution approving the application for grant funds through the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection urban forestry grant program entitled "Leading Edge Urban Greening," as provided through Propositions 40 and 84. (Citywide)

## DISCUSSION

The CAL FIRE Urban Forestry & Urban Greening: Leading Edge Projects Grant Program is funded by Proposition 40, the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood, Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002, and by Proposition 84, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006. The Leading Edge Projects Grant program is intended for projects that will improve greening in urban areas and projects that give special attention to energy conservation, air quality improvement and stormwater management/quality.

The Office of Sustainability's leading edge project is the Long Beach Bioretention Tree Well Project (Project). This project calls for the installation of 10 bioretention tree wells and the planting of 10 trees. The installation of bioretention tree wells is a best management practice related to low-impact development. Bioretention tree wells provide benefits such as shade, carbon sequestration, improved air quality, lower air temperatures, beautification and stormwater retention. Tree planting enhances the streetscape and provides environmental and social benefits. Locations of the bioretention tree wells will be determined based on achieving the highest positive environmental impact while also distributing them across the entire city.

The attached resolution authorizes the City Manager, or his designee, to apply for and accept up to \$145,425 in Leading Edge Projects Grant funds in FY 2012 and FY 2013. If the City is awarded funding, the grant will be used to fund the Long Beach Bioretention Tree Well Project.

This item was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda Trang on February 14, 2011 and Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on February 16, 2011.

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### SUSTAINABILITY

Long Beach's Sustainable City Action Plan, which was approved by the City Council on February 2, 2010, includes an initiative to implement low-impact development strategies to reduce runoff and pollution at the source and increase the beneficial use of rainwater.

If funding is secured, this project will help the City achieve several goals of the Sustainable City Action Plan. This Project combines tree planting, which enhances a streetscape and urban forest, and stormwater management strategies, which reduce runoff and pollution. Tree planting and stormwater low-impact development strategies are two actions that help Long Beach become a sustainable city, but are interrelated and connected to many other quality of life benefits.

The City of Long Beach's sustainability goals and water initiatives can be found in the Sustainable City Action Plan and are available at [www.sustainablelb.com](http://www.sustainablelb.com).

### TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on March 1, 2011, in order to provide the Resolution necessary to be considered for the grant.

### FISCAL IMPACT

The total project costs are anticipated to be \$193,900 over 24 months of contract execution. If the application is approved, the City will receive up to \$145,425 in grant funding from the CAL FIRE Urban Forestry & Urban Greening: Leading Edge Projects Grant Program with a \$48,475 cash match from the Sustainability and Redevelopment Agency funds. Appropriations will be requested only after the City is notified of the grant award. There is no impact to the General Fund and no local job impact associated with the recommended action.

### SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

  
PATRICK H. WEST  
CITY MANAGER

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Attachment: City Council Resolution

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RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS THROUGH THE URBAN FORESTRY GRANT PROGRAM ENTITLED, "LEADING EDGE URBAN GREENING", AS PROVIDED THROUGH PROPOSITIONS 40 AND 84

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of California in cooperation with the California State Legislature has enacted Propositions 40 and 84, which provide funds to the Sate of California and its political subdivisions for urban forestry programs; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the program within the State, setting up necessary procedures governing application by local agencies and non-profit organizations under the program; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of application submitted to the State; and

WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach as applicant will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out an urban forestry project;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as follows:

Section 1. Approves the filing of an application for "Proposition 40 and 84" urban forestry grant program funds.

Section 2. Certifies that said applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project.

Section 3. Certifies that funds under the jurisdiction of the City of Long

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1 Beach are available to begin the project.

2 Section 4. Certifies that said applicant will expend grant funds prior to  
3 March 30, 2013.

4 Section 5. Appoints the City Manager, or his designee, as agent of said  
5 applicant to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but  
6 not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payments requests, which  
7 may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

8 Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption  
9 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

10 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City  
11 Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011 by  
12 the following vote:

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