



CITY OF LONG BEACH

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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November 19, 2013

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the attached Resolutions authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to submit two applications to the State of California Strategic Growth Council; and

Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to accept grants from the Strategic Growth Council for up to \$924,000 and up to \$75,000 for Urban Greening Grant funds, and execute all documents necessary to accept the funds and implement the project. (District 7)

DISCUSSION

The Urban Greening for Sustainable Communities Program (Program), funded by the State through Proposition 84, is administered by the Strategic Growth Council (SGC) and provides funds for projects to establish community green areas, reduce energy consumption, conserve water, improve air and water quality, and provide other community benefits. The Office of Sustainability, in the City Manager Department, is requesting authorization to submit an application for the Willow Springs Wetland (WSW) Project, to request \$924,000 in grant funds. In addition, the Public Works Department is requesting authorization to submit an application under the targeted funds for small projects category, which awards a maximum of \$75,000 for smaller projects proposed by disadvantaged communities. Funds awarded through the Program would fund projects within the City to preserve, enhance and improve community green areas.

As a step toward implementation of the Willow Springs Park Master Plan, the Office of Sustainability is seeking assistance of funds to finalize the design and development of the WSW Project, with goals of restoring native habitat, creating public access trails, and installing environmental education infrastructure. The City has secured \$400,000 of additional funds for the WSW project through a Southern California Association of Governments grant, as well as a one-time allocation to Parks, Playgrounds and Libraries in the Fiscal Year 2014 adopted budget.

The Public Works Department is seeking funds for landscape improvements on a vacant median island adjacent to Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) and east of the Terminal Island Freeway, on the City's west side. The department is working in collaboration with

the Century Villages at Cabrillo (CVC) to implement this project, which was originally a component of a larger corridor improvement project along Pacific Coast Highway in West Long Beach. The Program funds would supplement \$189,178 in funding that the CVC has already secured through the Port of Long Beach Mitigation Grant Program for this project.

Both projects are designed to contribute to the success of the City's efforts to provide a healthy, sustainable community and watershed, and safe public space within underserved areas.

Resolutions have been prepared that authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to apply for, accept, and execute agreements related to the grants.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Amy R. Webber on October 30, 2013 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on November 4, 2013.

SUSTAINABILITY

Long Beach's Sustainable City Action Plan, which was approved by the City Council on February 2, 2010, includes initiatives to increase the amount of open space for community use, promote biodiversity citywide by encouraging the wide scale use of native landscape, and enhance corridors and neighborhoods with green infrastructure and public spaces. Leveraging these funding opportunities will assist the City to create green spaces for multiple beneficial uses by the adjacent communities and City at large.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on November 19, 2013 to adopt the Resolutions required to be submitted with the grant applications.

FISCAL IMPACT

If the grant applications are successful, the City will receive grant funds up to \$924,000 for the Willow Springs Wetland (WSW) Project and up to \$75,000 for median island landscape improvements from the State of California. CVC and the adjoining California State University, Long Beach Research Foundation Technology Park have agreed to be responsible for maintenance of the median island once the project has been completed, alleviating the City of long-term maintenance costs.

Appropriation increases will be requested for the grant funds prior to project initiation. The grants do not require a cash or in-kind matches. There are no known job impacts associated with the recommended action.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



ARA MALOYAN, PE
ACTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Attachment: Resolutions

APPROVED:



PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER

1 RESOLUTION NO.
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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
4 CITY OF LONG BEACH APPROVING THE APPLICATION
5 FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE URBAN GREENING GRANT
6 PROGRAM UNDER THE SAFE DRINKING WATER, WATER
7 QUALITY AND SUPPLY, FLOOD CONTROL, RIVER AND
8 COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2006
9 (PROPOSITION 84)
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11 WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have
12 provided funds for the program shown above; and

13 WHEREAS, the Strategic Growth Council has been delegated the
14 responsibility for the administration of the grant program, establishing necessary
15 procedures; and

16 WHEREAS, said procedures established by the Strategic Growth Council
17 require a resolution certifying the approval of application(s) by the City Council of the City
18 of Long Beach before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

19 WHEREAS, the City, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State
20 of California to carry out the Project;

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

23 Section 1. The City Council hereby approves the filing of an application
24 for the Willow Springs Wetlands Project (the "Project").

25 Section 2. The City Council hereby certifies that the City understands the
26 assurances and certifications in the application, will have sufficient funds to operate and
27 maintain the Project consistent with the land tenure requirements; or will secure the
28 resources to do so, and certifies that it will comply with the provisions of Section 1771 of

1 the State Labor Code regarding payment of prevailing wages on Projects awarded
2 Proposition 84 Funds.

3 Section 3. The City Council certifies that the Project will comply with any
4 laws and regulations including, but not limited to, legal requirements for building codes,
5 health and safety codes, disabled access laws, environmental laws and, that prior to
6 commencement of construction, all applicable permits will have been obtained, and
7 certifies that the City will work towards the Governor's State Planning Priorities intended
8 to promote equity, strengthen the economy, protect the environment, and promote public
9 health and safety as included in Government Code Section 65041.1.

10 Section 4. The City Council appoints the City Manager, or designee, as
11 agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not
12 limited to applications, agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be
13 necessary for the completion of aforementioned Project.

14 Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption
15 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of _____, 2013 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

Noes: Councilmembers: _____

Absent: Councilmembers: _____

City Clerk

OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY
CHARLES PARKIN, City Attorney
333 West Ocean Boulevard, 11th Floor
Long Beach, CA 90802-4664

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RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE URBAN GREENING GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THE SAFE DRINKING WATER, WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY, FLOOD CONTROL, RIVER AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2006 (PROPOSITION 84)

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided funds for the program shown above; and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Growth council has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the grant program, establishing necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the Strategic Growth council require a resolution certifying the approval of application(s) by the City Council of the City of Long Beach before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the City, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the Project;

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

Section 1. The City Council hereby approves the filing of an application for landscaping improvements on the street median adjacent to Pacific Coast Highway and east of the Terminal Island Freeway (the "Project").

Section 2. The City Council hereby certifies that the City understands the assurances and certifications in the application, will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Project consistent with the land tenure requirements; or will secure the

1 resources to do so, and certifies that it will comply with the provisions of Section 1771.8
2 of the State Labor Code regarding payment of prevailing wages on Projects awarded
3 Proposition 84 Funds.

4 Section 3. The City Council certifies that the Project will comply with any
5 laws and regulations including, but not limited to, legal requirements for building codes,
6 health and safety codes, disabled access laws, environmental laws and, that prior to
7 commencement of construction, all applicable permits will have been obtained, and
8 certifies that the City will work towards the Governor’s State Planning Priorities intended
9 to promote equity, strengthen the economy, protect the environment, and promote public
10 health and safety as included in Government Code Section 65041.1.

11 Section 4. The City Council appoints the City Manager, or designee, as
12 agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not
13 limited to applications, agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be
14 necessary for the completion of aforementioned Project.

15 Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption
16 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

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