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CITY OF LONG BEACH

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development, through the Housing Related Parks Program, for the rehabilitation of 14th Street Park and Seaside Park, at an estimated total cost of \$321,500. (District 1)

DISCUSSION

On November 7, 2006, California voters passed the Housing and Emergency Trust Fund Act of 2006 (Proposition 1C), to provide low cost housing for needy families, seniors, and military veterans, as well as shelters for battered women. Subsequent enabling legislation authorized \$200 million in Proposition 1C grant funding for the Housing Related Parks Program (HRP Program), which is administered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). The HRP Program creates incentives and rewards local governments for building affordable housing with grant money to fund much needed parks in their communities. Grant awards are based on the number of bedrooms in newly constructed ownership and rental housing units that are made affordable to very low-income and low-income households. Applicants may be eligible for bonus funding for units developed as infill projects, for park projects that will serve disadvantaged communities, and for projects that are located within a short walking distance of the housing units that are being counted toward the grant award. Grant funds may be used for the creation, development, or rehabilitation of park and recreation facilities that meet these criteria.

On December 2, 2011, HCD released a Notice of Funding Availability for the HRP Program for its 2011 funding round, which provides grant funds based on the number of lower income housing units that began construction between January 1, 2011 and December 31, 2011.

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The Long Beach Housing Development Company provided financial assistance to Meta Housing Corporation for the development of 200 affordable senior apartments at 200 E. Anaheim Street, and to Habitat for Humanity for the development of two single family homes at 1486 Henderson Avenue and 1495 Chestnut Avenue (Attachment), all of which are in Council District 1. Both of these projects began construction during the HRP Program's designated time period. The projects provide a total of 200 affordable units with 264 bedrooms, and, along with bonus points, enable the City of Long Beach (City) to apply for up to \$321,500 in grant funds.

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine, with the assistance of the Department of Development Services, is proposing to apply for \$321,500 in grant funding through the HRP Program for the rehabilitation of the park, including but not limited to, landscaping at 14th Street Park and the rehabilitation of park turf and the soccer field at Seaside Park.

In order to meet HCD's grant deadline of March 30, 2012, an unsigned grant application has been submitted to the State. HCD allows up to 30 days after March 30, 2012, to submit the required City Council Resolution and signed application.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Gary J. Anderson on March 12, 2012, and Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on March 13, 2012.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on April 3, 2012, in order to submit the Resolution to the California Department of Housing and Community Development by their Resolution deadline.

FISCAL IMPACT

If awarded, grant funds will offset 100 percent of the direct project rehabilitation costs. The grant does not require matching funds or in-kind services. City staff time directly related to project management can be charged directly to the project; however, City overhead costs are not eligible for reimbursement. Should the grant application be selected for funding, a recommendation will be made to the City Council to accept the grant and appropriate the funding. There is no impact to jobs associated with the recommended action.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

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Respectfully submitted,



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DIRECTOR OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE



AMY BODEK
DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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Attachments: Resolution
Aerial Map

APPROVED:



PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER

California Department of Housing and Community Development HOUSING RELATED PARKS GRANT



Housing Locations:

- 200 E. Anaheim Street & 225 E. 12th Street: 198 affordable units, under construction
- 1486 Henderson Avenue: Single family home, completed
- 1495 Chestnut Avenue: Single family home, completed

Proposed Parks:

- Seaside Park
- 14th Street, Chestnut Avenue to Locust Avenue

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RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LONG BEACH AUTHORIZING APPLICATION
FOR HOUSING RELATED PARKS GRANT FUNDS

WHEREAS, the State of California, Department of Housing and
Community Development (Department) has issued a Notice of Funding Availability
dated December 2, 2011 (NOFA) under its Housing Related Parks (HRP) Program; and

WHEREAS, City of Long Beach (CITY) desires to apply for a HRP
Program grant and submit the 2011 Program Year Application Package released by the
Department for the HRP Program; and

WHEREAS, The Department is authorized to approve funding allocations
for the HRP Program, subject to the terms and conditions of the NOFA, Program
Guidelines, Application Package, and Standard Agreement;

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

Section 1. The City of Long Beach is hereby authorized and directed to
apply for and submit to the Department the HRP Program Application Package released
January 2012 for the 2011 Designated Program Year. If the application is approved, the
CITY is hereby authorized and directed to enter into, execute, and deliver a State of
California Standard Agreement (Standard Agreement), and any and all other documents
required or deemed necessary or appropriate to secure the HRP Program Grant from the
Department, and all amendments thereto (collectively, the "HRP Grant Documents"); and

Section 2. The City of Long Beach shall be subject to the terms and
conditions as specified in the Standard Agreement. Funds are to be used for allowable
capital asset project expenditures to be identified in "Exhibit A" of the Standard
Agreement. The application in full is incorporated as part of the Standard Agreement.
Any and all activities funded, information provided, and timelines represented in the

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1 application are enforceable through the Standard Agreement. CITY hereby agrees to
2 use the funds for eligible capital asset(s) in the manner presented in the application as
3 approved by the Department and in accordance with the NOFA and Program Guidelines
4 and Application Package; and

5 Section 3. That the City Manager or any designee(s) is/are authorized to
6 execute in the name of CITY the HRP Program Application Package and the HRP Grant
7 Documents as required by the Department for participation in the HRP Program.

8 Section 4. 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 this meeting of _____,
12 2012, by the following vote.

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14 Ayes: Councilmembers: _____
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18 Noes: Councilmembers: _____
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20 Absent: Councilmembers: _____
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City Clerk

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