



CITY OF LONG BEACH

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to submit a grant application to the California Natural Resources Agency, through the California Climate Investment Urban Greening Program, for the completion of the 14th Street Park project; accept such grant funding, in an amount up to \$3,125,000; and, execute all documents necessary to accept the funds and implement the project. (District 1)

DISCUSSION

In 2006, Assembly Bill (AB) 32 was signed into law. Known as the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, it requires a sharp reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to 1990 levels by 2020. Senate Bill (SB) 859 was signed into law September 14, 2016, authorizing the expenditure of \$1.2 billion in Cap and Trade Revenues, known as the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF), for projects that aim to reduce GHG emissions. The California Natural Resources Agency was allocated \$80 million for its Urban Greening Program, specifically for green infrastructure projects that reduce GHG emissions and provide multiple additional benefits.

In addition to reducing GHG emissions, the requirements for allocating funds to benefit disadvantaged communities are presented below:

- Maximize economic, environmental, and public health benefits to the State;
- Complement efforts to improve air quality;
- Direct investment toward the most disadvantaged communities and households in the State;
- Provide opportunities for businesses, public agencies, nonprofits, and other community institutions to participate in and benefit from statewide efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions;
- Lessen the impacts and effects of climate change on the State's communities, economy, and environment;

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- Allocate at least 25 percent of the available proceeds to projects that provide benefits to disadvantaged communities; and,
- Allocate at least 10 percent of the available proceeds to projects located within disadvantaged communities.

In March 2017, the California Natural Resources Agency began soliciting competitive grant applications for eligible projects that combine the goal of reducing GHG emissions and provide multiple additional benefits, including a decrease in air and water pollution or a reduction in the consumption of natural resources and energy.

As the first step of a two-phased grant application process, the grant agency requested one-page concept proposals, which were reviewed in advance of the full application. Projects that most clearly met the grant objectives and were most competitive were identified by the grant agency. The City submitted multiple concept proposals for park projects and the grant agency provided feedback that the 14th Street Park project concept was the most competitive and met multiple grant objectives, including creating community connections through parks, bike and pedestrian improvements; stormwater retention and improvements; and, maximizing tree planting.

As a result of the feedback provided during the concept phase, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine is submitting an application for the completion of the 14th Street Park project. The project scope includes community outreach and finalization of the Master Plan and Park Concepts; design; construction and park improvements to make the area more pedestrian friendly; connecting currently separated blocks to calm adjacent traffic; upgrading irrigation; onsite storm water capture; reforesting park segments; upgrading park amenities to meet ADA and safety standards; and, general permanent site improvements that support use of the re-envisioned space, such as fencing, signage, benches, trash/recycle bins, and landscaping.

This project has received Categorical Exemption (CE 15-139) through the West Long Beach Livability Implementation Plan, which was approved by the City Council on November 17, 2015.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda T. Vu on May 15, 2017 and by Budget Management Officer Rhutu Amin Gharib on May 17, 2017.

SUSTAINABILITY

The grant funding will support the following improvements:

- Water efficiency and storm water capture to prevent run-off;
- Replacement of dead and diseased trees;
- Extend the useful life of park amenities; and,
- Create more productive and healthy outdoor activities.

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TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on June 13, 2017, to submit the Resolution to the California Natural Resources Agency by the grant deadline of June 30, 2017.

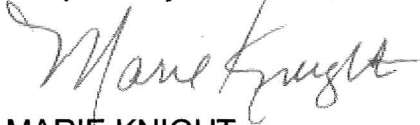
FISCAL IMPACT

If grant funding of \$3,125,000 is awarded, this amount will offset the direct project 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 administrative costs are not eligible for reimbursement. If awarded, an appropriation increase will be requested for the grant funds prior to project initiation. This recommendation will result in a positive impact on jobs, although the exact number is unknown at this time.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



MARIE KNIGHT
DIRECTOR OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE

MK:SS:MR:en

Attachment: Resolution

APPROVED:



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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 CALIFORNIA CLIMATE
INVESTMENTS URBAN GREENING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have
provided funds for the California Climate Investments Urban Greening Program; and

WHEREAS, the California Natural Resources Agency has been delegated
the responsibility for the administration of this grant program, establishing necessary
procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the California Natural
Resources Agency 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 below-mentioned 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 the completion of the 14th Street Park Project (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
resources to do so, and certifies that it will comply with the provisions of Section 1771.5
of the State Labor Code.

Section 3. The City Council certifies that the Project will comply with any

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

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

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

13 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City
14 Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of _____, 2017
15 by the following vote:

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17 Ayes: Councilmembers: _____
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21 Noes: Councilmembers: _____
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23 Absent: Councilmembers: _____
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28 City Clerk