

September 5, 2023

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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 execute all necessary documents and any subsequent amendments, including amending the terms or changing the amount of the award, to accept grant funds from the California Natural Resources Agency for capital improvements at Wrigley Greenbelt and Multi-Service Center, in an amount not to exceed \$5,200,000. (District 7)

**DISCUSSION**

On June 6, 2023, City Council approved Resolution RES-23-0088. The California Natural Resources Agency Bonds and Grants Office requested a revision to the Resolution to include further certifications by the City of Long Beach (City). These revisions will require Council approval.

Assembly Bill (AB) 179, the State of California Budget Act of 2022, was approved on September 6, 2022. The amended bill made appropriations for the support of state government for the 2022–2023 fiscal year. As requested by Senator Lena Gonzalez, this included the appropriation of \$5,200,000 to be allocated by the California Natural Resources Agency for the City to fund the Wrigley Greenbelt Restoration Project (Project) and the Multi-Service Center Expansion and Improvements Project.

Various improvements are proposed at the two locations receiving allocations. The Parks, Recreation and Marine and Public Works Departments will receive \$1,200,000 for the Wrigley Greenbelt Project to complete the restoration of eight acres of native vegetation and native tree plantings, low-flow irrigation, a meandering bioswale, and a one-mile walking trail. The Project will focus on the functional connectivity of the entire eight acres of open space through completion of native habitat landscaping and public safety elements. While the Project is substantially complete and open to the public, the additional funds will support additional scope of work that was unfunded, including accessibility improvements and educational signage. The project will follow the City's language access policy, including translated wayfinding, interpretive signage, park rules signs, and gateway signs.

The City's Health and Human Services Department (DHHS) will receive \$4,000,000 from the California Natural Resources Agency to support the costs associated with necessary upgrades to the Multi-Service Center (MSC), a DHHS operated facility, which serves as the primary point of access for homeless services citywide, providing services including basic amenities, case management, care coordination, mental health and behavioral health services, assessment and triage for additional resources and services, and connections to the Coordinated Entry System, as needed. The funding will be utilized to support the costs for needed repairs and a variety of health, life, and safety upgrades to the facility. Facility repairs and improvements are needed to sustain programming, service delivery, and operations of the MSC. The scope of repairs and enhancements will include, but may not be limited to, the replacement of flooring, HVAC systems, roof, purchase and installation of fencing, security cameras, safety features (electronic access and safety button), landscaping, shade structure, and laptop and charging stations.

The California Natural Resources Agency Bonds and Grants Office will administer the state allocations as grants. Adoption of a Resolution is the first step required to receive the funds. It is anticipated that the state contracts will be issued upon approval of the Resolution. The projects must be completed by March 1, 2026, as the grants will liquidate on June 31, 2026.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Anita Lakhani on August 3, 2023 and by Budget Development Officer Jennifer Rodriguez on August 14, 2023.

#### TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on September 5, 2023, to proceed with the grant agreements expeditiously.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

The City anticipates receiving grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$5,200,000 to complete two capital projects. No match or in-kind service mandate is required. Staff anticipate returning to the City Council when the grant contracts are received from the California Natural Resources Agency, to appropriate the grant funds. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. This recommendation will potentially result in a positive impact on local jobs.

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SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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DIRECTOR  
PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE



ERIC LOPEZ  
DIRECTOR  
PUBLIC WORKS



KELLY COLOPY  
DIRECTOR  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Attachment: Resolution

APPROVED:



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THOMAS B. MODICA  
CITY MANAGER

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF LONG BEACH APPROVING CITY MANAGER TO  
EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT A  
GRANT FROM THE CALIFORNIA NATURAL RESOURCES  
AGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,200,000 FOR CAPITAL  
IMPROVEMENTS AT WRIGLEY GREENBELT  
RESTOTATION PROJECT AND MULTI-SERVICE CENTER  
EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have  
approved a grant for the project shown above; and

WHEREAS, the California Natural Resources Agency has been delegated  
the responsibility for the administration of the grant project, setting up necessary  
procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the California Natural  
Resources Agency require the Grantee to certify by resolution the approval of a Project  
Information Package before submission of said package to the State; and

WHEREAS, City of Long Beach ("Applicant") desires to enter into an  
agreement with the State of California and accept grant funds from the California Natural  
Resources Agency for capital improvements at Wrigley Greenbelt Restoration Project  
and Multi- Service Center Expansion and Improvements Project ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, if awarded, Applicant intends to accept an amount up to Five  
Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$5,200,000) for completion of the Project and  
authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to accept  
the funds and implement the project;

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

1 follows:

2                   Section 1.    The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated  
3 herein by this reference.

4                   Section 2.    Approves the acceptance of a general fund allocation for  
5 assistance for the Wrigley Greenbelt Restoration Project and Multi-Service Center  
6 Expansion and Improvement Project; and

7                   Section 3.    Certifies that the City understands the assurances and  
8 certifications in the Project Information Form; and

9                   Section 4.    Certifies that the City will have sufficient funds to develop,  
10 operate and maintain the projects consistent with the land tenure requirements of the  
11 Grant Agreement; or will secure the resources to do so; and

12                  Section 5.    Certifies that the City will comply with the provisions of  
13 Section 1771.5 of the California Labor Code.

14                  Section 6.    Certifies that the projects will comply with any laws and  
15 regulations including, but not limited to, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA),  
16 legal requirements for building codes, health and safety codes, disabled access laws,  
17 environmental laws and, that prior to commencement of construction, all applicable  
18 licenses and permits will have been obtained.

19                  Section 7.    Certifies that the City has reviewed and understands the  
20 General Provisions contained in the sample Grant Agreement contained in the  
21 Procedural Guide; and

22                  Section 8.    Appoints the City Manager as agent to conduct all  
23 negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to the Project  
24 Information Form, agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for  
25 the completion of the Wrigley Greenbelt Restoration Project and Multi-Service Center  
26 Expansion and Improvement Project.

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

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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Noes: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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Absent: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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Recusal(s): Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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City Clerk