

**CITY OF LONG BEACH**

Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine

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May 24, 2005

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the attached Resolution, authorizing the City Manager to execute documents necessary to accept and expend funds from the State of California, Department of Boating and Waterways (DBAW), to purchase equipment necessary to maintain the beaches in Long Beach, and increase appropriations in the Tidelands Fund (TF) in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PR) by \$466,000. (Districts 2 and 3)

DISCUSSION

As part of its commitment to provide clean, safe, and enjoyable recreational boating and beach activities in California, and preserve and protect the California shoreline, the State of California, Department of Boating and Waterways, offers grant funds to cities, counties, districts, and other public and private agencies through various programs.

One of the grant programs offered by DBAW provides funds for beach erosion control. This grant can be used to purchase heavy equipment necessary for the maintenance of our beaches. The City has been providing clean and safe beaches for the citizens of California for over 50 years. City employees, using City equipment, have performed the vast majority of this work. During recent years, equipment acquisitions have been postponed due to budgetary restrictions, which has left the City's beach maintenance operation with aging equipment. As a result, equipment downtime has increased, hampering the City's ability to provide the public with a clean, well-maintained beach.

In discussions with DBAW, staff was requested to submit a grant for the City to purchase a 10-yard dump truck, an all-wheel drive 7810 tractor, and a fast trac JCB tractor. In addition, staff has presented DBAW with a cost/benefit analysis for review and possible funding for these purchases.

DBAW recently advised staff that the City was eligible to receive \$466,000 in grant funds to purchase the much-needed equipment. As a condition of the grant, the City would be required to provide a \$60,000 match, which will be met through the planned purchase of a beach sanitizer, using funds already included in the Fiscal Year 2005 (FY05) budget. In addition, the Department will return the old equipment to Fleet Services, which will allow the existing appropriation to be used to cover the cost of on-going maintenance for the new equipment.

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This matter was reviewed and a resolution prepared by Deputy City Attorney J. Charles Parkin on April 26, 2005, and by Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on April 25, 2005.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested by May 24, 2005, to enter into the grant contracts in a timely manner.

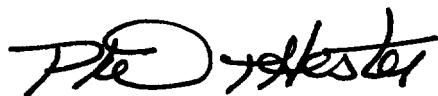
FISCAL IMPACT

The DBAW grant will provide \$466,000 in funding for the acquisition of new beach maintenance equipment. There is a \$60,000 match associated with the grant, which will be met through the purchase of a beach sanitizer utilizing FY 05 appropriations in the Tidelands Fund (TF) in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PR). The old equipment will be returned to Fleet Services, and the existing appropriation will be used to support the on-going maintenance costs for the new equipment.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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DIRECTOR, PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE

APPROVED:



GERALD R. MILLER
CITY MANAGER

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Attachment:
Resolution