



CITY OF LONG BEACH

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Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

SUBJECT: Resolutions Authorizing the City Manager to Submit Grant Applications to the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation Through the Habitat Conservation Fund Program and the Recreational Trails Program (Districts 4 and 5)

DISCUSSION

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine has identified grant opportunities for funding of riparian restoration and trail development projects through the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation, Habitat Conservation Fund Program and Recreational Trails Program.

The Habitat Conservation Fund (HCF) Program was created through the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990. Annually, the HCF Program makes available \$2 million for competitive grants to local public agencies through six project categories on a rotating basis. The HCF Program requires a dollar per dollar match from a non-state source. During this funding cycle, monies will be made available through the project categories, "Trails, Programs and Urban Access" and "Riparian Habitat." A total of \$500,000 will be awarded under each category.

The Recreational Trails (RT) Program provides funding to states through the Federal Highways Administration for recreational trails and trails-related projects. Funds are available for motorized and non-motorized projects. Approximately, \$2.2 million in funding will be available statewide for non-motorized projects.

The proposed grant applications are for projects that are supportive of the City's Strategic Plan and the Open Space and Recreation Element of the General Plan which address preservation of natural resources, call for the creation and reestablishment of natural habitats and ecological preserves, such as riparian habitat; and add value to our neighborhoods and life experiences within the city.

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The proposed projects are as follows:

- San Gabriel River West Riparian Restoration Project - \$100,000 total project cost (\$50,000 grant request with a \$50,000 City match from the Capital Projects Fund budget). Funding will provide for the development of 0.4 acres of native riparian habitat within the San Gabriel West Parkway from Spring Street on the north to Willow Street on the south. Please see attached Exhibit A. This project will be submitted under the HCF Program only.
- San Gabriel River West Trail Project - \$532,600 total project cost (\$266,300 grant request with a \$266,300 City match from the Capital Projects Fund budget). Funding will provide for the development of a multi-use trail along the San Gabriel West Parkway, from Spring Street on the north to Atherton Street on the south. Please see attached Exhibit A. The development of a trail would be a complement to the restoration project. In order to maximize potential project funding, the San Gabriel River West Trail Project will be submitted under both the HCF Program and the RT Program.

At their August 19, 2004 meeting, the Parks and Recreation Commission recommended to the City Council the submission of the above applications. The grant applications are due to the California Department of Parks and Recreation by October 1, 2004. No date for notification of projects selected for grant awards has been made available at this time.

Donna F. Gwin, Senior Deputy City Attorney, prepared the attached resolutions. This letter was reviewed by Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on September 3, 2004.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on September 21, 2004, in order to meet the October 1, 2004 grant application deadline.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total development costs for the projects are as follows:

- San Gabriel River West Riparian Restoration Project. The total project cost is estimated at \$100,000. If funded, the HCF Program Riparian Habitat grant monies will offset \$50,000 of the project development costs. The remaining \$50,000 will be funded with a City match from the FY 05 Capital Projects Funds budget.
- San Gabriel River West Trail Project. The total project cost is estimated at \$532,600. If funded, the grant monies will offset \$266,300 of the project development costs. The remaining \$266,300 will be funded with a City match from the FY 05 Capital Projects Fund budget.

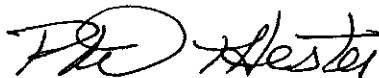
If these grant applications are funded, the projects will not commence until FY 05 or later and completion of the projects will take approximately eighteen months. Though future on-going expenses are unknown at this time, it is expected that these projects would require minimal maintenance upon completion. It is further expected that the General Fund will absorb these on-going costs as no other funding sources for maintenance expenses have been identified.

If the grants are awarded by the state, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine will request City Council approval to accept and appropriate the funds.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. Adopt the attached resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a Habitat Conservation Fund Program, Riparian Habitat grant application to the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, for \$100,000 for the San Gabriel River West Riparian Restoration Project; and to execute any documents necessary for the implementation and administration of the project at a total cost of \$100,000; and,
2. Adopt the attached resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a Habitat Conservation Fund Program, Trails, Programs and Urban Access grant application to the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, for \$532,600 for the San Gabriel River West Trail Project; and to execute any documents necessary for the implementation and administration of the project at a total cost of \$532,600; and,
3. Adopt the attached resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a Recreational Trails Program application to the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, for \$532,600 for the San Gabriel River West Trail Project; and to execute any documents necessary for the implementation and administration of the project at a total cost of \$532,600.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment

APPROVED:


GERALD R. MILLER
CITY MANAGER