



CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE



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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, to reimburse the City for costs incurred to remove and dispose of abandoned watercraft. (Districts 2 and 3)

DISCUSSION

Throughout the year, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine, through its Marine Bureau, must deal with vessels that are found adrift, abandoned at our docks, sinking, or in danger of sinking, in the marinas and navigable waterways along our coast. Normally, these vessels are brought to the docks or launch ramps by the Fire Department or Police Department, and then stabilized, if possible. If the vessel sinks or is deemed to be a navigable hazard, it must be removed and destroyed.

The Marine Bureau attempts to locate the last registered owner to pay for the expenses incurred in this effort. If a registered owner cannot be located or refuses to pay for the stabilization and removal, the State of California, Department of Boating and Waterways (DBW), offers grant funds to reimburse public agencies for most of the costs involved in this effort. The Abandoned Watercraft Abatement Fund grant requires the City to initially pay 100 percent of the costs incurred for each abandoned vessel; subsequently, DBW will reimburse the City for 90 percent of those costs. The State then makes an effort to obtain reimbursement from the registered owner, if one has been identified.

The City has participated in this grant program since 1999. Based on previous experience, it is estimated that the City will receive approximately \$33,000 in cost reimbursements during the 12-month period commencing November 1, 2009 through October 31, 2010.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Gary J. Anderson on December 7, 2009, and Budget and Performance Management Bureau Manager David Wodynski on December 15, 2009.

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TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on January 12, 2010, in order to enter into an agreement with the Department of Boating and Waterways, so that the City may accept and expend funds during the November 1, 2009 through October 31, 2010, time period.

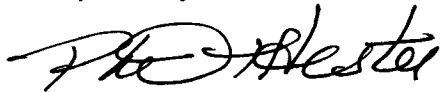
FISCAL IMPACT

This grant reimburses 90 percent of costs incurred by the City for the removal and disposal of abandoned vessels over a 12-month period. Since the vessels are abandoned, the City cannot control these costs; therefore, these expenses will be absorbed at full cost if the City does not receive grant funds to reimburse the City for 90 percent of the expense. It is estimated that the City would be eligible for approximately \$33,000 in cost reimbursements. The 10 percent differential is budgeted in the Tidelands Marina Fund (TF) in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PR).

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



PHIL T. HESTER
DIRECTOR OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE

PTH:MS:bjg

Attachment: Resolution

APPROVED:



PATRICK H. WEST
CITYMANAGER

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RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR GRANT FUNDS UNDER THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF BOATING AND WATERWAYS GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE REMOVAL OF ABANDONED VESSELS FROM THE NAVIGABLE WATERS AND MARINAS IN LONG BEACH

WHEREAS, the State Department of Boating and Waterways provides grant funds to cities, counties and districts for the removal of abandoned vessels; and

WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach is desirous to receive funds for the removal of abandoned vessels;

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

Section 1. That the filing of an application for Thirty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$33,000.00) in grant funds from the State Department of Boating and Waterways for the removal of abandoned vessels is necessary.

Section 2. The City certifies that it has or will have funds available to operate and maintain the project.

Section 3. The City Manager is authorized to conduct all negotiations, and execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments and payment requests which may be necessary.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of _____, 20__ by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

Noes: Councilmembers: _____

Absent: Councilmembers: _____

City Clerk

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