

# CITY OF LONG BEACH

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

City of Long Beach  
California

**SUBJECT: Authorization to Submit an Application to the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development for Funding for an Outdoor Restroom at Stearns Champions Park (District 4)**

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### DISCUSSION

The Consolidated Appropriations Act (Act) of 2004 provided the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) with Economic Development Initiative funds for certain projects specified in the Conference Report accompanying the Act. Within the Act, funding was awarded to the City of Long Beach in the amount of \$149,115 for the rehabilitation of an outdoor restroom at Stearns Champions Park. In order to secure the awarded funds, HUD has requested that the City complete an application packet and enter into a contract.

Over the years, the Stearns Champions Park outdoor restroom, which is adjacent to the ball fields and basketball courts, has been heavily used by park patrons and baseball teams. The excessive usage of the outdoor restroom has resulted in increased maintenance costs for the Department, as well as dissatisfaction by park users. The Department plans to raze the existing outdoor restroom and replace it with a new prefabricated restroom building. It is expected that the funding awarded through HUD will completely cover the cost of the project.

This letter was reviewed by Donna Gwin, Senior Deputy City Attorney on September 1, 2004, and David Wodynski, Budget Management Officer, on September 3, 2004.

### TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

This matter is not time critical.

FISCAL IMPACT

It is anticipated that the \$149,115 in HUD funding will cover all costs involved in the Stearns Champions Park Outdoor Restroom project. As the funds have been awarded and appropriated through the federal budget process, the application is a formality. Since the monies are currently unbudgeted, an appropriation increase is included in the recommendation section below. Future ongoing maintenance expenses are expected to be reduced as a new restroom will eliminate many existing maintenance issues and will be easier to maintain.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

1. Authorize the City Manager to submit an application and execute any necessary documents to secure \$149,115 in funding from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Stearns Champions Park Outdoor Restroom project; and,
2. Increase appropriations in the Capital Projects Fund (CP) and in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PR) in the amount of \$149,115.


Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:

  
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