

June 6, 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 any necessary documents including subsequent amendments, 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

Assembly Bill (AB) 179, the State of California Budget Act of 2022, was approved 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 Gonzales, this included the appropriation of \$5,200,000 to be allocated by the California Natural Resources Agency for the City of Long Beach (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 Department 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. 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 Grant Agreement No. GF2235-0 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 city-wide, 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

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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 after June 1, 2023. 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 May 17, 2023 and by Budget Analysis Officer Greg Sorensen on May 8, 2023.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on June 6, 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.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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CITY MANAGER

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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 AND MULTI-SERVICE CENTER

WHEREAS, the people of the State of California have enacted AB179, the State of California Budget Act of 2022, and amended the bill to support state government for 2022-2023 fiscal year that included the appropriation of funds by the California Natural Resources Agency (“CNRA”) to fund the City of Long Beach’s Wrigley Greenbelt Restoration Project and the Multi-Service Center Expansion and Improvements Project; and

WHEREAS, the CNRA has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the grant program in its jurisdiction, setting up necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the CNRA require the Applicant’s Governing Body to certify by resolution the approval of the Application before submission of said Application to the State; and

WHEREAS, City of Long Beach (“Applicant”) desires to accept grant funds from the California Natural Resources Agency for capital improvements at Wrigley Greenbelt and Multi- Service Center (“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

1 the funds and implement the project;

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

4 Section 1. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated
5 herein by this reference.

6 Section 2. The City Council of the City of Long Beach does hereby
7 authorize the City Manager to accept and expend funding for the Wrigley Greenbelt
8 Restoration Project and Multi-Service Center Expansion and Improvement Project from
9 the California Natural Resources Agency Grant Agreement No. GF2235-0.

10 Section 3. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the
11 County.

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

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

17 Ayes: Councilmembers: _____
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21 Noes: Councilmembers: _____
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23 Absent: Councilmembers: _____
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25 Recusal(s): Councilmembers: _____
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28 City Clerk