



Office of the City Manager

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CONSENT CALENDAR
December 1, 2020

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
Submitted by: Scott Ferris, Director, Parks, Recreation & Waterfront
Subject: Grant Application: FEMA Hazard Mitigation Program for Seismic Retrofit of Martin Luther King (MLK) Jr. Youth Services Center/Young Adult Project (YAP)

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to FEMA for funds in the amount not to exceed of \$1,237,500 for the seismic retrofit of the Martin Luther King (MLK) Jr. Youth Services Center/Young Adult Project (YAP); authorizing the City Manager to accept the grant; to execute any resultant revenue agreement and amendments; and authorizing the implementation of the project and appropriation of funding for related expenses, subject to securing the grant.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The FEMA grant of \$1,237,500 covers 75% of the total project cost, and requires a 25% City match; a not to exceed amount of \$412,500, for a total project cost of \$1,650,000. The local City match for the FEMA grant application will come from either Measure T1 Phase 2 Bond funds (if approved by City Council) or Parks Tax funds.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

As a result of a major disaster declaration by the President of the United States, the State of California is eligible for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding for hazard mitigation activities aimed at reducing or eliminating damages to life and improved property. Activities include cost effective hazard mitigation projects, and hazard mitigation planning activities approvable by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Based on a seismic evaluation of the MLK Jr. Youth Services Center/YAP; prepared by an independent engineering firm, the City submitted a Notice of Interest (NOI) to FEMA for a seismic retrofit and renovation of the building. After FEMA review of the NOI, the City was invited to submit a full application to compete for HMGP funding. This funding will cover the seismic mitigation work identified in the seismic evaluation, which will reduce the chance of building collapse and loss of life in the event of a moderate or major earthquake.

BACKGROUND

Built in 1950, the MLK Jr. Youth Services Center/YAP is located at 1730 Oregon Street across from Grove Park. The building is approximately 9,700 square feet and houses

various after school/summer recreation programs such as tutoring, violence prevention, and leadership development for teens and young adults. The Center has been designated as a care and shelter site in the event of a major natural disaster.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

The City's Resilience Strategy outlines a plan to upgrade City community and senior centers, which serve as care and shelter sites in the event of a disaster. These upgrades involve improvements for greater savings and efficiencies in the use of utilities, which make the facility more resilient to disasters, safer, and greener.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

This project supports a key mitigation strategy identified in the City 2019 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan to strengthen critical City buildings to ensure that the community can be served adequately after a disaster.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

The alternative action of not applying for these funds would delay project until alternate funding is available.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

- 1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

REVENUE GRANT: AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO FEMA FOR FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,237,500 FOR THE MARTIN LUTHER KING (MLK) JR. YOUTH SERVICES CENTER/ YOUNG ADULT PROJECT (YAP) SEISMIC RETROFIT PROJECT

WHEREAS, as the result of a major disaster declaration by the President of the United States, the State of California is eligible for Hazard Mitigation Grand Program (HMGP) funding for hazard mitigation activities aimed at reducing or eliminating damages to life and improved property. Activities include cost effective hazard mitigation projects, and hazard mitigation planning activities approvable by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); and

WHEREAS, certain federal financial assistance is available under Public Law 93-288 as amended by the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1988, and/or state financial assistance under the California Disaster Assistance Act; and

WHEREAS, the HMGP grant requires a minimum of 25% local match funds for the project, and the matching funds must be from a non-federal source and must be committed by the authorized agent on agency letterhead at the time of application submittal; and

WHEREAS, the FEMA grant in an amount not to exceed \$1,237,500 covers 75% of the total project cost, and requires a 25% City match in an amount not to exceed \$412,500, for a total project cost of \$1,650,000. The local City match for the FEMA grant application will come from either Measure T1 Phase 2 Bond funds (if approved by City Council) or Parks Tax funds.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager or her designee is hereby authorized to submit a grant application for FEMA funds in an amount not to exceed \$1,237,500 for the MLK Jr. Youth Services Center/YAP Seismic Retrofit Project; to accept the grant; to execute any resultant revenue agreements and amendments; to provide a Letter of Local Match Commitment; to provide a Letter of Maintenance Commitment; to provide for all matters pertaining to such state disaster assistance the assurances and agreements required; and the City Council authorizes an amount not to exceed \$412,500 in either Measure T1 Phase 2 Bond funds (if approved by City Council) or Parks Tax funds as local match, and authorizes the implementation of the project and appropriation of the funding for related expenses, subject to securing the grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a record signature copy of said agreements and any amendments shall be on file in the office of the City Clerk.

