




Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR

October 24, 2006

To: Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

From:  Phil Kamlarz, City Manager

Submitted by: Dan Marks, Director, Planning and Development Department

Subject: Revised Grant Application: Workforce Housing Reward Program

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept a \$242,626 Workforce Housing Reward Program grant from the State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development for community improvements, including Francis Albrier Center; and to execute the resultant revenue agreement and any amendments thereto.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The City's grant was increased from approximately \$190,000 to \$242,626. Funds have been allocated to construction of several capital assets to benefit the community. No matching funds are required. Grant funding will be deposited in Fund 402 - Job - Housing Balance Grant.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Workforce Housing (WFH) Reward Program provides grants to cities in compliance with State housing element law, based on the number of bedrooms in housing units for lower-income households, which received building permits in calendar year 2005. The City Council approved Resolution No. 63,225-N.S. on March 7, 2006 to submit a grant application for approximately \$190,000. A new resolution is required by the State because the approved \$242,626 City grant exceeds the amount previously identified in the resolution.

BACKGROUND

This is the second year that the City successfully received a Workforce Housing Reward Program grant. The projects that were originally planned to be funded included: preparation of South Branch Library planning documents, MLK Jr. Youth Services Center door replacement, replacement of underwater lights at all three City swimming pools, resurfacing tennis courts at Live Oak Park, improving an accessible play structure at San Pablo Park, and upgrading the play area at Greg Brown Park.

Subsequent to submittal of the grant application, renovation of the Francis Albrier Community Center was identified as a new project that required additional funding. In response to this need, the new funding was dedicated to the Francis Albrier Community Center project, funding was re-distributed, and two projects were deleted from the funding request – park facilities at San Pablo Park and Greg Brown Park.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

A revised resolution is required to accept the additional funding that is available to the City.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

CONTACT PERSON

Wendy Cosin, Deputy Planning Director 981-7402

Attachments:

1: Resolution

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

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT A \$242,626 GRANT FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN FISCAL YEAR 2005/2006, AND TO EXECUTE ANY RESULTANT REVENUE AGREEMENTS AND AMENDMENTS

WHEREAS, the State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development, administers the Workforce Housing Reward (WFH) Program, an incentive grant program established pursuant to Chapter 482, Statutes of 2002, and funded through Proposition 46, the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2002; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley meets the eligibility requirements by providing housing affordable to lower-income households and by having a state-approved Housing Element; and

WHEREAS, the City Council approved Resolution No. 63,225-N.S. on March 7, 2006 to submit a grant application for approximately \$190,000; and

WHEREAS, the State increased the City's allocation to \$242,626.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is hereby authorized to accept the grant for \$242,626, to execute resultant revenue agreements and any amendments, and to appropriate funding for related expenditures, subject to securing the grant. A record signature copy of said agreements and any amendments to be on file in the Office of the City Clerk.