



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
November 14, 2006

To: Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

From: *PK* Phil Kamlarz, City Manager

Submitted by: Claudette R. Ford, Director of Public Works

Subject: Grant: Acceptance of FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a grant agreement with the State Office of Emergency Services and any amendments in the amount of \$2,887,735 and authorize City matching funds of \$962,633, to reconstruct the seismically unsafe Facilities Maintenance Building at the Corporation Yard.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The total project cost for the seismic retrofit is \$3,850,368 with the grant providing \$2,887,735 in funding and \$962,633 coming from various City funding sources. The FY 2007 appropriation authority for both the grant funds and the City matching funds of \$913,133 have been requested through the amendment to the FY 2007 Annual Appropriation Ordinance in a report being presented to Council on November 28, 2006. An additional appropriation in the amount of \$49,520 from the Capital Improvement Fund (Fund 610) has been requested and is needed to fully budget the project and ensure the required City match.

FEMA Pre-Disaster Grant.....	\$2,887,735
City Match 25%	\$962,633
Total Budget for Seismic Retrofit Project	\$3,850,368

Budget Codes:

Revenues:

618-5401-331-1087 (FEMA Grant Fund)	\$2,887,735
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Expenditures:

450-5451-463-3038-7043-01CB28 (Parks Tax Fund).....	\$125,210
610-5451-463-30-38-01CB28 (Capital Improvement Fund).....	\$48,193
610-5451-463-3038 and 6570-07CB20 (Capital Improvement Fund)	\$80,706
610-5451-463-6570-07CB28 (Capital Improvement Fund)	\$49,520
618-5451-463-1101-07CB20 (FEMA Grant Fund).....	\$195,367

618-5451-463-2720-07CB20 (FEMA Grant Fund).....	\$115,266
618-5451-463.3038-07CB20 (FEMA Grant Fund).....	\$374,945
618-5451-463.6570-07CB20 (FEMA Grant Fund).....	\$2,202,157
820-5451-463.7045-01CB28 (Refuse Fund).....	\$295,940
830-5451-463.6570 and 7045- 01CB28 (Sewer Fund).....	\$304,939
850-5497-463.6570-01CB28 (Building Purchases & Mgt Fund).....	\$58,125
Total available funds	\$3,850,368

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Facilities Maintenance Building, commonly known as the Ratcliff Building, is a 1916 unreinforced masonry structure located at the Corporation Yard. It currently houses the Public Works Department’s Streets and Utilities, Electrical, and Facilities Maintenance functions, and the Parks and Waterfront Forestry Division. Modular units, to serve as temporary facilities while the building is being retrofitted, were delivered in October 2006.

BACKGROUND

The Corporation Yard facility plays a crucial role in the City’s overall operations and serves as a center for emergency response and disaster recovery operations. The reconstruction project has undergone an intensive public hearing process, an environmental impact review, as well as a grant application review from FEMA authorities. Accordingly, the City qualified for the grant with a mandated inclusion of seismic safety elements in municipal government master plans. The proposed project, a seismic retrofit of an essential services municipal building, is consistent with the California Earthquake Loss Reduction Plan 2002-2006 outlined in the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The City has made a substantial effort in getting this project moving forward in its continuing goal to strive for a disaster-resistant community. The City applied for the grant in September 16, 2003. The Council is required to accept the grant and approve appropriation of the matching funds. This grant and additional funding are intended to bring the Corporation Yard Facilities Maintenance Building up to the standard of an essential services structure.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

It is in the best interest of the City to accept the FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant and proceed with the seismic retrofit of the Corporation Yard facility.

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- Attachments
 1: Resolution

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

GRANT FROM THE STATE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

WHEREAS, the FEMA grant of \$2,887,734 supplements available City funds to relocate staff from the seismically unsafe Facilities Maintenance (the Ratcliff Building) at the Corporation Yard, and provides funding to retrofit the existing building; and

WHEREAS, the Ratcliff Building currently houses the Public Works Department's Streets and Utilities, Electrical, and Facilities Maintenance Divisions, and the Parks and Waterfront Department's Forestry Division; and

WHEREAS, the modular which is going to temporarily accommodate the Public Works staff was delivered in October 2006; and

WHEREAS, the total FEMA grant funding of \$2,887,735 is available in the current year budget in the following accounts: 618-5451-463-1101-07CB20 - \$195,367; 618-5451-463-2720-07CB20 - \$115,266; 618-5451-463.3038-07CB20 - \$374,945; and 618-5451-463.6570-07CB20 - \$2,202,157; and

WHEREAS, matching funds totaling \$962,633 are available in the current year budget in the Parks Funds (450-5451-463 various-01CB28) \$125,210; General Capital Funds (610-5451-463-30-38-01CB28)\$48,193; General Fund Capital (610-5451-463-various-07CB20) \$80,706; Refuse Fund (820-5451-463-various-01CB28) \$295,940, Sewer Fund (830-5451-463-various-01CB28) \$304,939; and Building Fund (850-5497-463.65-70-01CB28) \$58,125; and additional funding of \$49,250 is available in the General Fund Capital Fund (610-5451-463.65-70-01CB28) to fulfill the required match.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley authorizes the City Manager to accept a grant from the State Office of Emergency Services in the amount of \$2,887,735 with 25% City matching funds of \$962,633 to reconstruct the seismically unsafe Facilities Maintenance Building at the Corporation Yard. A record signature copy of said agreement and any amendments to be on file in the Office of the City Clerk.