




Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
October 23, 2007

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 \$149,719 Workforce Housing Reward Program Grant from the State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development for improvements to Downtown BART Plaza; and to execute the resultant revenue agreement and any amendments thereto.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The City's grant was increased from approximately \$85,000 to \$149,719. 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 2006. The City Council approved Resolution No. 63,609-N.S. on March 13, 2007 to submit a grant application for approximately \$85,000. A new resolution is required by the State because the approved grant exceeds the amount previously identified in the resolution.

BACKGROUND

This is the third year that the City successfully received a Workforce Housing Reward Program grant.

The City began a public planning and design process for the Downtown Berkeley BART Plaza and Transit Area in 2005. Conceptual plans for near-term capital improvements for the BART Plaza Area have been developed and detailed design work will be prepared soon. The grant application is proposed to contribute to construction and will support the City's efforts to obtain other grants.

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

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

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

ACCEPT A \$149,719 GRANT FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN FISCAL YEAR 2007/2008, FOR WORKFORCE HOUSING REWARD (WFH) PROGRAM

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. 63,609-N.S on March 13, 2007 to submit a grant application for approximately \$85,000; and

WHEREAS, the State increased the City's allocation to \$149,719.

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 \$149,719, 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.

