

**TO THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

Your **HOUSING, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** Committee

reports as follows:

STATUTORY EXEMPTION, HOUSING, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to Community Challenge Planning grant funding for the Northeast Los Angeles Collaborative Project.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. FIND the recommended actions statutorily exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15262 (Feasibility and Planning Studies) of the State and Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) CEQA guidelines.
2. ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION (Attachment A in the CRA report dated December 16, 2010), authorizing the acceptance, implementation and execution of a Community Challenge Planning Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities (OSHC) for the development and implementation of the Northeast Los Angeles (NELA) Collaborative: Connecting Investments in Place with Investments in People (NELA Collaborative Project) within the proposed NELA River Corridor redevelopment project area.
3. AUTHORIZE the CRA Chief Executive Officer, or designee, to:
 - a. Negotiate and execute all necessary contracts and agreements with HUD OSHC for \$2.25 million for the Community Challenge Planning Grant. The grant agreement term will be for 36 months, effective from the date of execution through December 2013.
 - b. Negotiate and execute Memoranda of Understanding, cooperation agreements, contracts and subcontracts with the following NELA Collaborative Project Grant partners as funded by and necessary for the implementation of the Community Challenge Planning Grant:

Los Angeles Department of City Planning in an amount not to exceed \$500,000

Workforce Investment Board in an amount not to exceed \$125,000

Worker Education and Resource Center in an amount not to exceed \$224,500

Metamorphosis Project at the University of Southern California in an amount not to exceed \$385,000

Urban and Environmental Policy Institute at Occidental College in an amount not to exceed \$220,000

Hollywood Community Housing Corporation on behalf of the Hollywood Community Studio in an amount not to exceed \$224,500

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer reports that there is no impact on the City General Fund. Approval of the recommendations will result in a \$2.25 million Community Challenge Planning Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Northeast Los Angeles Collaborative Project. As proposed, the Los Angeles Department of City Planning will be allocated an amount not to exceed \$500,000 in grant funds to be allocated over a 24-month period for the Northeast Community Plan Area. The recommendations are in compliance with the City's Financial Policies in that a one-time expenditure of a General Fund department is an adjunct to a one-time source of funds from the CRA. The City's Financial Policies are not applicable to the CRA. The CRA is bound only by the disclosure provisions of the City's Debt Management Policies. The recommendations are in compliance with the CRA Financial Policies in that they are consistent with the CRA 2010-11 Budget and Work Program.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At a regular meeting held on January 26, 2011, the Housing, Community and Economic Development Committee considered Community Challenge Planning grant funding for the Northeast Los Angeles Collaborative Project. After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee recommended Council approve the recommendations contained in the City Administrative Officer report. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

HOUSING, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MEMBER	VOTE
WESSON:	YES
REYES:	ABSENT
ALARCON:	YES
CARDENAS:	YES
PERRY:	ABSENT

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