

**COMMUNICATION**

**TO: LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL**

**FILE NO. 10-1451**

**FROM: COUNCILMEMBER RICHARD ALARCÓN, CHAIR  
HOUSING, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, HOUSING, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE relative to the \$2.25 Million Sustainable Communities Challenge Grant for the Northeast Los Angeles Collaborative (NELA) Project.

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

1. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, Community Development Department (CDD), or designee to negotiate and execute agreements with the subcontractors (partners) identified in the Community Redevelopment Agency/Designated Local Authority (CRA/DLA) Grant proposals and the Los Angeles Conservation Corp and with the subcontractor Tierra West Advisors, on a sole-source basis, for the term beginning September 26, 2012 and ending January 20, 2014, subject to approval of the City Attorney and compliance with the City's contracting requirements as follows:

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount Not to Exceed</u>
1.	Tierra West Advisors	\$326,988
2.	University of Southern California (USC) – Metamorphosis	\$834,500
3.	Occidental College	\$76,365
4.	Worker Education Resource Center	\$50,000
5.	Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation	\$60,000
6.	Department of Planning	\$320,000
7.	Los Angeles Conservation Corps	<u>\$271,692</u>
	Total:	\$1,939,545

2. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:

- a. Establish new accounts and appropriate within Community Challenge Grant Fund No. 53W as follows:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
22J168	Planning Department	\$155,061
22J622	CDD Costs	\$98,826
22J628	Planning Costs	\$164,939
22J623	Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation	\$60,000
22J624	Worker Education Resource Center	\$50,000
22J625	USC Metamorphosis Project	\$834,500
22J626	Occidental College: Urban and Environmental	\$76,365
22J628	Los Angeles Conservation Corps	\$271,692
22J629	Tierra West Advisors	<u>\$326,988</u>
	Total:	\$2,038,371

- b. Appropriate \$155,061 to Fund No. 100/68 Account No. 1010 Salaries.

3. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, CDD, or designee, to prepare Controller instructions and/or make any technical adjustments that may be required and are consistent with this action subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer and AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement these instructions.
4. INSTRUCT the General Manager, CDD, or designee, to report back to the Mayor and Council on the proposed allocation of CRA/DLA Grant match fund, if approved by the California Department of Finance as part of the CRA/DLA's Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule 4 (also known as ROPS 13-14A).

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer (CAO) reports that there is no impact on the General Fund. Approval of the recommendations will result in implementation of a \$2.25 million Sustainable Communities Challenge Grant between the CDD and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to fund the Northeast Los Angeles Collaborative Project. The Tierra West Advisors (TWA) contract will total \$438,000 (\$175,000 for Project management and \$263,000 for the completion of the economic development study). The CDD and TWA executed a contract for an amount not-to-exceed \$326,988 which will pay for the Project management and a portion (up to \$151,988) for the economic development study. The balance of funding for the economic development study may be funded through resources allocated by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) to the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering (BOE) through a Cooperative Agreement. The CDD states that a portion of the TWA contract funded under LADWP/BOE Cooperative Agreement will not exceed \$200,000. As such, 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 HUD.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

### SUMMARY

At a meeting held on March 6, 2013, the Chair of the Housing, Community and Economic Development Committee considered a CDD report dated February 1, 2013 and a CAO report dated March 5, 2013 relative to the status of the \$2.25 million U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Sustainable Communities Challenge Grant, authorization to negotiate and execute agreements, on a sole-source basis, with the Los Angeles Conservation Corp and subcontractors of the Northeast Los Angeles Collaborative Partners (NELA), and related actions.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee Chair recommended approval of the recommendations in the CAO report. This matter is now forwarded to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

COUNCILMEMBER RICHARD ALARCÓN, CHAIR  
HOUSING, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOIE</u>
ALARCÓN:	YES
REYES:	ABSENT
WESSON:	ABSENT
PERRY:	ABSENT

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