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The PY 41 Consolidated Plan provided \$50,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for HCID to procure professional services to conduct physical and economic studies needed to determine if selected area(s) of the city meet CDBG national objective regulations to qualify as a slum and blighted area. These regulations require that an area meet a definition of slum / blighted or deteriorated / deteriorating as defined under state or local law and at least 25% of the properties in the area meet one or more of the criteria listed in the CDBG regulations. In order to continue to qualify as slum and blighted for CDBG national objective purposes, the conditions of an area must be restudied and documented to meet CDBG Slum and Blight requirements every ten years.

The HCID conducted a Request for Bids (RFB) process using a list of professional services contractors procured and maintained by the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO). The RFB requested proposals to study the former Crenshaw Redevelopment Area. This area was prioritized because of investments of CDBG funds in this area that plan to use the Slum Blight Area national objective.

The HCID received one proposal from Tierra West Advisors, Inc. in response to the RFB. The proposal was reviewed by a team of two staff persons and scored 82 points out of 100. This meets the qualifying threshold. In order to encumber the funds within Program Year 41, which ends March 31, 2016, the HCID needs authority to execute an agreement with the successful proposer that will begin prior to the end of March.

I THEREFORE MOVE that, subject to approval of the Mayor, the Council authorize the General Manager HCID, or designee, to negotiate and execute an agreement for a period not to exceed 12 months with Tierra West Advisors, Inc. to conduct a study of and document the physical and economic conditions of the former Crenshaw Redevelopment Area, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000. Funding for the contract will be from the Community Development Trust Fund No. 424 Account No. 43M558.

I FURTHER MOVE that HCID be instructed to report to the City Council with the results of the study.

I FURTHER MOVE that HCID be authorized to make any technical adjustments necessary to effectuate the intent of this action and to prepare Controller instructions and instruct the Controller to implement these instructions.

PRESENTED BY: GILBERT A. CEDILLO MAR 2 2 70% Councilmember, 1st District SECONDED BY:

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