

ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH, AGING AND RIVER COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Northeast Los Angeles Riverfront Collaborative (NELA-RC) Sustainable Communities Challenge Grant.

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

1. NOTE and FILE Attachment I of the May 7, 2014 Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD) report, attached to the file, relative to the Northeast Los Angeles Riverfront District Vision Plan and Economic Development Implementation Strategy.
2. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, EWDD, or designee, to reallocate project savings in the amount of \$159,415 to implement a Los Angeles River Summer Youth Employment Program between June 1, 2014 and July 30, 2014.
3. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, EWDD, or designee, to negotiate and execute an amendment to the agreement with the Los Angeles Conservation Corps in an amount not to exceed \$431,107.
4. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:

- a. Transfer appropriations within the Communities Challenge Planning Grant Fund No. 53W as follows:

	<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
From	22K122 EWDD	\$94,290
	22K299 Related Costs	15,125
	22J624 Worker Education Resource Center	50,000
To	22K627 Los Angeles Conservation Corps	\$159,415

- b. Decrease appropriations within Fund 100/22 as follows:

	<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
	1010 Salaries	\$34,117
	1070 Salaries- As Needed	53,082
	2130 Travel	2,988
	6030 Rent	4,093
	Total:	\$94,290

5. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, EWDD, or designee, to prepare Controller instructions for any necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer; and INSTRUCT the Controller to implement the instructions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The EWDD reports that implementation of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Challenge Grant will not have an impact on the General Fund. To the extent that the EWDD and the Planning Department use a portion of the funds for administrative and program cost recovery, the General Fund will realize revenue from the associated

related cost contributions.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On May 12, 2014, your Committee considered a May 7, 2014 EWDD report relative to the NELA-RC Sustainable Communities Challenge Grant. According to the EWDD, six decades after the Los Angeles River was first channelized in concrete, Council adopted the Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan in 2007, establishing a bold vision for transforming the River by reversing the past and re-envisioning the future. In 2012, the EWDD signed an agreement with HUD to implement a \$2.25 million Community Challenge Planning Grant from the Federal Partnership for Sustainable Communities, which includes HUD, the United States Department of Transportation (DOT), and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The grant funded an innovative, interdisciplinary partnership, NELA-RC, which sought to capture the energy of the Los Angeles River (River) as a catalyst for integrating planning efforts, coordinating strategic investments, and The HUD Sustainable Communities Challenge Grant provided the City an opportunity to develop a comprehensive place-based economic development strategy that links land use planning, economic development and workforce development strategies. The resulting vision plan provides a series of strategies that will allow the City to leverage the significant momentum currently experienced by the proposed restoration of the Los Angeles River by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers to benefit low-to-moderate income residents in Northeast LA. Moving forward, it is critical that the City continue the work started by the Northeast Los Angeles Riverfront Collaborative by dedicating City resources to implement the recommendations contained in this report.

The project team recommends the creation of a Los Angeles River Summer Youth Employment program to support community engagement activities related to the release of the Final Northeast Los Angeles Riverfront District Vision Plan. Given the significant interest in this project generated through the community engagement process, the final community engagement work will be critical in continuing to build support for the project goals and strategies.

The NELA Collaborative is recommending transferring \$159,415 in savings identified by EWDD to employ 80 youth between June 1, 2014 and July 31, 2014. The summer employment program will be led by the Los Angeles Conservation Corps, currently a NELA partner as well as a summer youth employment contractor.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations contained in the May 7, 2014 EWDD report and detailed in the above recommendations. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH, AGING AND RIVER COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
O'FARRELL:	YES
LABONGE:	YES
BUSCAINO:	ABSENT
CEDILLO:	YES
PRICE:	YES

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