

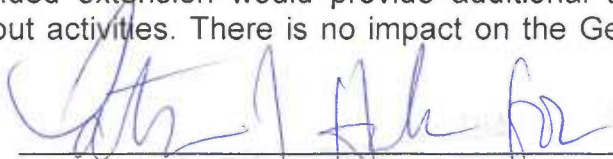
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TO The Council	DATE 09-03-14	COUNCIL FILE NO.
FROM The L.A. for Kids Steering Committee		COUNCIL DISTRICT 15

At its meeting on August 28, 2014, the L.A. For Kids Steering Committee adopted the recommendations of the attached Bureau of Engineering report, which is hereby transmitted for Council consideration. Adoption of the report recommendations would authorize an amendment to the Proposition K Grant Agreement No. C-119012, to extend the deadline for completion of design and construction from June 26, 2013, to June 26, 2016.

The Watts Labor Community Action Committee has received total funding of \$208,462 in Proposition K competitive funds to install lighting and perimeter fencing for the community garden. The recommended extension would provide additional time needed to complete the project, including closeout activities. There is no impact on the General Fund as a result of the recommended action.



Miguel A. Santana, City Administrative Officer
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COUNCIL DISTRICT 15

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

L.A. FOR KIDS STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING, August 28, 2014
AGENDA ITEM (5)
WATTS LABOR COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE – EXTENSION OF
DEADLINE TO COMPLETE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION
BUREAU OF ENGINEERING

DATE: August 28, 2014

TO: Proposition K – L.A. for Kids Steering Committee

FROM: Neil Drucker, Program Manager 
Recreational and Cultural Facilities Program
Bureau of Engineering

SUBJECT: WATTS LABOR COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE (WLCAC) -
MUDTOWN FARMS -GARDEN LIGHTING AND FENCING PROJECT –
AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO PROPOSITION K GRANT AGREEMENT NO.
C-119012, TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR COMPLETION OF
DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Bureau of Engineering (BOE) - Recreational and Cultural Facilities Program recommends that the L.A. for Kids Steering Committee recommend that the City Council:

1. Approve the Watts Labor Community Action Committee's (WLCAC) request to extend the deadline under Proposition K Grant Agreement No. C-119012 for design and construction of the MudTown Farms-Garden Lighting and Fencing Project from June 26, 2013, to June 26, 2016.
2. Authorize the City Engineer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 1 to Proposition K Grant Agreement No. C-119012 to effectuate the extension of the deadline for completion of design and construction.

DISCUSSION/BACKGROUND

In June 2010, WLCAC was awarded \$208,462 in Proposition K competitive funds under the 7th Funding Cycle Request for Proposals process for the MudTown Farms-Garden Lighting and Fencing Project, located at 2051 East 103rd Street, Los Angeles, California 90002. In April 2012 WLCAC was also awarded \$4,961,757 in State of California Proposition 84 funds for a separate urban farm park project at the

same site. The Proposition 84 and the Proposition K projects are separate and distinct projects that may be put out to bid at the same time. Technically, one project could proceed without the other project if necessary.

Proposition K Grant Agreement No. C-119012 between the City (Bureau of Engineering) and WLCAC was executed on June 27, 2011, and required that design and construction be completed by June 26, 2013. The scope of the Proposition K project is:

- a. Replace approximately 1,399 linear feet of the existing fence with iron fence panels at least 6 feet high. The fence will consist of materials conducive for growing plants as well as providing security. The planting systems will be placed at appropriate intervals throughout the perimeter.
- b. Install one ADA compliant pedestrian gate approximately 6 feet wide and three vehicle access gates per city code approximately 20 feet wide.
- c. Install an energy efficient lighting system. The lighting system will be custom fit, low voltage LED fixture lights. These lights will be placed at equal intervals around the perimeter of the fence.

WLCAC's intent is to complete both the Proposition K and Proposition 84 projects at the same time. In order to implement the Proposition 84 project, the property had to be re-zoned through the Jordan Downs Specific Plan (JDSP). The re-zoning caused a delay in starting the Proposition K project. In a letter dated August 11, 2014, WLCAC stated that they have been officially awarded Proposition 84 funds, and the re-zoning designation has been approved, therefore they requested an extension of the deadline to complete design and construction under the Proposition K Grant Agreement from June 26, 2013 to June 26, 2016.

The BOE believes that it is in the best interest of the City and WLCAC to extend the deadline for completion of design and construction from June 26, 2013 to June 26, 2016, which will give WLCAC sufficient time to complete design and construction of the Proposition K project, and all related closeout activities.

Attachment:

Letter from Watts Labor Community Action Committee dated August 11, 2014

NLD/DM:vb

cc: Emmett McOsker, Mayor's Office
Maria Ramos, CAO
Brian Randol, CLA
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Re: Proposition K Grant Agreement C-119012
WLCAC Garden Lighting and Fencing Project
Request for Contract Extension

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Dear Mr. Drucker,

As you know WLCAC's Proposition K Grant Agreement No. C-119012 for the *Watts Labor Community Garden Lighting and Fencing Project* expired on June 24th, 2013. The intent of this letter is to request a 2 year extension of the Proposition K grant contract to allow WLCAC to complete the MudTown Farms project in its entirety.

Since being awarded the Proposition K contract, WLCAC sought additional grant funds to develop the MudTown Farms project in its entirety. As a result WLCAC was successful in its pursuit and has been awarded funds from the State of California through Proposition 84 to build the project. WLCAC received the award letter from the state for the MudTown Farms project in March, 2012; the award was subject to CEQA clearance. At the same time, the MudTown Farms property was being re-zoned through the Jordan Downs Specific Plan (JDSP) to allow the intended use. Over a year later, the re-zoning designation and the CEQA clearance were obtained, but only after the JDSP was approved by the City Council in February of 2013. Shortly after in March, 2013, WLCAC received the Proposition 84 grant agreement from the State, making award of the funds official.

A 2 year contract extension will allow WLCAC to complete MudTown Farms as a single project. Reconciling the timing of both grant agreements will allow the grant funds to complement each other in the development of MudTown Farms, making the most efficient use of City and State funds.

As requested, a revised timeline has been included along with a copy of the original budget, as there is no change.

Please feel free to contact me to discuss this further at 323-563-5639 or at wlcacceo@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Timothy Watkins

Encl. - Project budget and revised timeline

Cc: HH, NG, TW, CW

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MudTown Farms – Project Development Timeline and Implementation Schedule
 Estimated Dates by Phase

	Prop 84	Prop K*
Complete Project Design Bid Process	March/2014	May/2014
Complete Design Process and Plan Check Permit	September/2014	September/2014
Complete Contractor Bid Process	November/2014	January/2015
Begin Project Construction	December/2014	February/2015

*The Prop K Implementation Schedule is dependent on receipt of the grant contract extension in April, 2014.