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**EXECUTIVE DIRECTIVE NO. 3 TRANSMITTAL: 2022-2023 CALIFORNIA  
CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT APPLICATION, AGREEMENT  
EXECUTION, AND AWARD ACCEPTANCE**

**SUMMARY**

In accordance with Executive Directive No. 3, the Los Angeles City Planning (LACP) requests approval to apply for and, if awarded, execute a grant agreement for an amount not to exceed \$40,000 and to subsequently receive grant funds from the State Office of Historic Preservation ("OHP"), for services related to the 2022-2023 California Local Government (CLG) Grant. This agreement is for one year and work must be performed between October 1, 2022 and September 30, 2023 to be eligible for reimbursement.

**BACKGROUND**

The City of Los Angeles proposes to use a \$40,000 CLG grant to assist LACP, Office of Historic Resources ("OHR") in the creation of a framework and strategy on how to approach the development of an Indigenous Peoples Historic Context that would become a part of the citywide historic context statement.

The City of Los Angeles is striving to expand and improve its engagement with the tribal communities within the city and region. The City has not always embraced or included tribes within its legislative and planning processes. In recent years, this sentiment has shifted for the better, and it is now a priority of the City to build relationships with each of the tribes in the area. In 2019, Mayor Eric Garcetti convened a Civic Memory Working Group which was tasked with determining how to engage more productively and honestly with its past. The group met throughout 2020, and in 2021 released the City's Past Due report which outlines priorities and strategies as to how to best address the city's history

more comprehensively. One of the identified goals was to recognize indigenous history. LACP is conducting additional training for staff on how to work with tribal governments, appointing a tribal liaison, and ensuring more effective compliance with the tribal consultation requirements of AB 52.

To build upon these initiatives and to create a more comprehensive citywide framework for the identification and preservation of tribal cultural resources, LACP is seeking to prepare an Indigenous Peoples Historic Context. This context would strive to tell the story of tribal communities in Los Angeles and create a framework for evaluating historic resources associated with the tribes. While many of these resources may no longer be extant and much of the information that may be included in such a context statement may be sensitive and or confidential, it is critical to document what we do know to better inform decision makers and the general public, and to chronicle intangible cultural heritage. Considering the accessibility and the various purposes historic context statements serve in today's historic preservation practice, it is also desired for the context statement to not only recognize indigenous history but also uplift and aid in the understanding of the City's indigenous history and communities. The completed context will develop key historical themes associated with political, social, and cultural practices and the institutions of Indigenous Peoples, while also identifying individuals, groups and organizations that played significant roles.

Through this grant application, LACP is seeking funding to craft a strategy on how to approach this complex work, develop research questions, and begin public engagement with tribes, scholars, community members and other stakeholders. Unlike the City's previous CLG grant-supported ethnic-cultural contexts, which were completed in one year, City Planning recognizes that a successful Indigenous Peoples Context will require a lengthier and more nuanced process. Given the sensitive nature of this work, the extensive citywide community engagement required across the large geography of Los Angeles, and the limited existing documentation on the subject, it is anticipated that it will take two years and approximately \$100,000 to complete the final context. To complete the context, the City may apply for funding in the 2023-2024 CLG grant cycle, pursue complementary state or federal grants, or collaborate with the Mayor and City Council to self-fund the second half of the project.

The proposed project meets the goals of the Cultural and Historical section of the Conservation Element of the City's General Plan which includes a policy to "continue to survey buildings and structures in neighborhoods throughout the city in order to develop a record that can be used in the present and future for evaluating their historic and cultural value." The context is also consistent with the criteria set forth in the City's Cultural Heritage Ordinance and the purposes of the Historic Preservation Overlay Zone (HPOZ) Ordinance which specifically "promotes the involvement of all aspects of the City's diverse communities in the historic preservation process." Finally, the project is consistent with the California Statewide Historic Preservation Plan and meets Goal 1 (Objectives I.A, I.B, and I.C).

Specifically, the proposed project activities will:

- Develop a framework for how to approach completing an Indigenous Peoples Context (which may also serve as a statewide model for other municipalities and agencies)
- Be the first step in the development of a new context to be added to the citywide context statement
- Identify key stakeholders that can identify resources, some of which may be intangible or no longer extant

LACP will be in regular communication on this project with the City of Denver, which was recently awarded a \$50,000 National Park Service Underrepresented Communities grant to prepare an American Indian and Indigenous Peoples Historic Context. The Denver context will also be a parallel two-year effort, recognizing the complexity of comprehensively addressing indigenous resources, and the NPS grant will be supplemented by additional funding sources.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Although there is an in-kind staff time match component of \$27,895, there is no additional General Fund impact because no new staff will be needed. Current staff will continue with their regular work programs, regardless of grant funding, which includes the work this grant intends to augment.

Grant funds will be used for consultant services and will be disbursed to LACP by the California Office of Historic Preservation on a reimbursement basis upon submission of final deliverables invoices, and reports. Existing funds from LACP's contractual services account will support consultant grant work prior to reimbursement.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the City Council authorize the Director of Planning, or his designee, subject to the approval of the Mayor, to take the following actions:

Apply for, and if awarded, execute a grant project agreement, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality, with the California Office of Historic Preservation and to subsequently accept grant award to facilitate CLG Grant related work for the term of one year.

If awarded the grant, set up a grant receivable in the amount awarded and establish an appropriation account within the City Planning Grant Trust Fund No. 46Y, Dept. 68 for the disbursement of funds for the project.

Submit a grant reimbursement request to the California Office of Historic Preservation and deposit grant receipts in the City Planning Grants Trust Fund No. 46Y, Dept. 68.

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