



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: DECEMBER 14, 2021

FROM: MUSEUM DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, CALIFORNIA
NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,000,000 –
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION**

ISSUE:

Adopt a resolution to accept the State of California, California Natural Resources Agency grant award in the amount of \$7,000,000 to fund the Harada House Rehabilitation Project.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Adopt a resolution to accept the State of California, California Natural Resources Agency grant award in the amount of \$7,000,000 to fund the Harada House rehabilitation project;
2. With at least five affirmative votes, upon receipt of the grant award, authorize an increase in revenue and appropriation expenditures in an amount equal to the grant award, in the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund, CNRA Harada House Rehabilitation; and
3. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all grant documents with the State of California, California Natural Resources Agency, including making minor and non-substantive changes.

BACKGROUND:

The California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) is an agency of the state of California established to restore, protect and manage the state's natural, historical, and cultural resources for current and future generations. CNRA administers revenue resulting from bonds and other state budget allocations for their stated purposes.

In the California state budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 (AB-129 Budget Act of 2021), 246 diverse special projects benefitting communities across the state are identified in Section 273, with funding coming from the state's general fund. The Harada House is identified as Number 151 on the list of diverse special projects and will receive \$7,000,000 for the preservation of the Harada House. In late June 2021, the City of Riverside received confirmation of this allocation through

the offices of Assemblyman José Medina (D-Riverside). Museum of Riverside staff were contacted in November 2021 by staff from CNRA to begin filing required documentation to administer this allocation as a grant.

DISCUSSION:

The State of California, California Natural Resources Agency grant funds are for the purpose of preserving the National Historic Landmark Harada House. Funding will support direct and indirect costs of the rehabilitation of Harada House and expenses associated with construction of the Harada House Interpretive Center. Grants provided by CNRA are capital projects grants and funds may not be used for programming or endowment. Funds remaining at the conclusion of the Harada House Rehabilitation Project revert back to the state.

The grant is administered on a reimbursement basis. The performance period for the grant begins upon execution of the grant agreement, and funds are intended to be expended in full by March 1, 2026.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This item contributes to Strategic Priority No. 1 *Arts, Culture and Recreation* and Goal 1.1 - Strengthen Riverside's portfolio of arts, culture, recreation, senior, and lifelong learning programs and amenities through expanded community partnerships, shared use opportunities, and fund development.

This item aligns with each of the five Cross-Cutting Threads as follows:

1. **Community Trust** – The rehabilitation of the Harada House builds community trust by honoring the commitment made by the City of Riverside (City) in 2003 when the City accepted the donation of the Harada House. Rehabilitating Harada House in preparation for opening it to the public adds substance to the City's intentions regarding diversity and inclusion.
2. **Equity** – The Harada House rehabilitation will provide equitable access to visitors when the Harada House is open to the public. The Harada story is about the Harada family's pursuit of equity, fair treatment, and their civil rights.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – The CNRA grant provides a non-City means of funding the complex rehabilitation of the Harada House.
4. **Innovation** – The Harada House rehabilitation responds to the needs of the Riverside community by preserving Riverside's history and telling the Harada story. Harada House will be a resource unique to Riverside and available to support educational mandates relating to ethnic studies and American history.
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** – The rehabilitation of the Harada House will provide a civil rights resource for visitors and scholars now and in the future. The Harada family story is a local narrative about resilience and perseverance in the pursuit of civil rights.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total fiscal impact of this action is \$7,000,000. Upon Council approval and grant award, an increase in revenues and appropriation expenditures in the amount of \$7,000,000 will be recorded in the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund, CNRA Harada House rehabilitation revenue account number 9409800-334300 and expenditure account 9409800-440220.

The total grant award is \$7,000,000. No matching funds are required.

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Attachment: Resolution