



City Council Memorandum

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: AUGUST 12, 2014

FROM: RIVERSIDE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FROM THE NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT FUNDS FROM THE RIVERSIDE MUSEUM ASSOCIATES FOR THE HARADA HOUSE COMMUNITY FORUMS AND NEIGHBORHOOD VISION PLAN PROJECT – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

ISSUES:

The issues for City Council consideration are: 1) acceptance of a grant from National Trust for Historic Preservation in the amount of \$3,000; and 2) acceptance of gift donations in the amount of \$5,000 from the Riverside Museum Associates National Historic Landmark Harada House Stewardship fund for the National Historic Landmark Harada House Community Forums and Neighborhood Vision Plan project.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Authorize acceptance of grant funds from the National Trust for Historic Preservation 2014 February National Trust Preservation Funds in the amount of \$3,000; increase revenue in the amount of \$3,000 and appropriate expenditures in the same amount to an account as assigned by the Finance Department;
2. Authorize acceptance of gift funds from the Riverside Museum Associates National Historic Landmark Harada House Stewardship Fund in the amount of \$5,000; increase revenue in the amount of \$5,000 and appropriate expenditures in the same amount to an account as assigned by the Finance Department; and
3. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute all documents related to the grant.

BACKGROUND:

The National Historic Landmark Harada House Community Forums and Neighborhood Vision Plan project (Project) is a collaborative community outreach program focusing on the Riverside Metropolitan Museum's (RMM) National Historic Landmark (NHL) Harada House and intends to develop a viable neighborhood vision plan. In partnership with the City's Community Development Historic Preservation Office, the RMM will work with the Historic Resources Group; selected under the Historic Preservation Master Agreement.

The Project will address an essential component of RMM's stewardship of the NHL Harada House located in the Heritage Square Historic District—to draft a sustainable Neighborhood Vision Plan that incorporates the Robinson House as an interpretive center. Partnering with the City's Historic Preservation Division, this project will provide replicable strategies for community engagement for Riverside's neighborhoods. The historical significance and the contemporary relevancy of the Harada House requires that this project pro-actively engages the residents/owners in the Heritage Square Historic District, the Asian Pacific Islander American community, historic preservation and interested members of the public.

The Project will continue to engage the community by developing an ambassadors program to provide walking tours as part of Riverside's Japanese American heritage context; establishing a Neighborhood Watch program; and creating on-line resources to ensure continued involvement of all stakeholders. It is anticipated that components of the Project will be incorporated into the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service exhibit, *"I Want the Wide American Earth"*, at the RMM. The Project's integration into the RMM's strategic plan ensures continued commitment by the City. The Project will generate essential sustaining interest and commitment for the NHL Harada House and the context for civil rights in Riverside by residents/owners in the Heritage Square Historic District, Riverside's Asian Pacific Islander community and individuals vested in Riverside's history and historic preservation by ensuring preservation and interpretation of the NHL Harada House for future generations.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total Project cost is estimated at \$10,000. The City received a grant award in the amount of \$3,000 from the National Trust for Historic Preservation and a gift donation from the Riverside Museum Associates National Historic Landmark Harada House Stewardship Fund in the amount of \$5,000. The remaining funds of \$2,000 are available in the Museum Facilities and Operations Professional Services Account No. 5305000-421000.

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