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**HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: JANUARY 14, 2019
AGENDA ITEM NO.: 3**

I. CASE NUMBER: P18-0951

II. PROJECT SUMMARY:

- 1) **Proposal:** Request by the City of Riverside Metropolitan Museum for a Historic Preservation Fund grant of \$10,800 to hire a grant writing consultant to prepare an application for California Proposition 68 grant fund, to complete rehabilitation of Harada House.
- 2) **Location:** 3356 Lemon Street
- 3) **Ward:** 1
- 4) **Applicant:** Community & Economic Development Department
- 5) **Case Planner:** Scott Watson, Associate Planner
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III. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Historic Preservation Fund Committee recommend that City Council:

1. **APPROVE** the request for a Historic Preservation Fund grant of \$10,800 to hire a grant writing consultant to prepare an application for California Proposition 68 grant fund, to complete rehabilitation of Harada House. .

IV. BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

On June 5, 2018, California voters approved Proposition 68 (Prop 68), which authorizes \$4 billion in general obligation bonds for state and local parks, environmental protection and restoration projects, water infrastructure projects, and flood protection projects. The California Department of Parks and Recreation has allocated \$37 million in grant funds to fund various project types including, Native American resources; repurposing power plants; science centers; natural resources investments; and cultural and visitor centers.

The rehabilitation and conversion of the Harada House into a museum may be an eligible project for Prop 68. To apply for the Prop 68 grant funds, the Riverside Metropolitan Museum

(RMM) requires a grant writer to prepare the application as they do not have available funding to hire a grant writer. On November 21, 2018, RMM submitted a Historic Preservation Fund Grant application (Exhibit 1) to the Planning Division, requesting \$10,800, to hire a grant writer.

New grant cycles have not been opened since Grant Cycle IV, October 17, 2016 because the Historic Preservation Trust Fund is currently low (\$39,057.40). Per the Historic Preservation Fund Grant General Provisions, "*Applications may be submitted during scheduled semi-annual grant cycles (except that applications for bona fide emergency situations as determined by the Historic Preservation Officer may be submitted at any time).*" The General Provisions also state that, "*Priority and emergency projects include building envelope repairs that are publicly visible and those related to structural integrity, weather tightness, fire hazards, and other damage.*"

The Planning Division has determined that the application should be considered an emergency situation, as the Harada House is in need of structural stabilization, as discussed in the attached Structural Engineering Assessment Report (Exhibit 2). Planning also recognizes that with limited funding sources available for Cultural Resources, Prop 68 becomes an immediate opportunity for RMM to find funds necessary to rehabilitate the Harada House. Planning has also determined the application falls within the eligible projects of Historic Preservation Construction Project and Planning Project as the Prop 68 grant application would target securing funding for the rehabilitation of the Harada House. The application is eligible for a historic preservation grant.

The provisions state, "*No more than \$25,000 may be awarded by the HPFC for **any one project, Cultural Resource, or program over any five consecutive years.** Applications for grants exceeding those amounts must be considered and approved by the City Council, upon the HPFC's recommendation.*" On April 13, 2015, RMM was awarded a \$25,000 grant (Exhibit 3) for a stabilization project at the Harada House. For this reason, approval by the City Council is required.

V. ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

It has been determined this project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (No Significant Effect on the Environment).

VI. PUBLIC NOTICE AND COMMENTS:

Public notices were mailed to the owners and occupants of properties adjacent to the project. As of the writing of this report, Staff has received no responses.

VII. Exhibits:

1. Grant Application
2. Structural Assessment Report
3. HPFC Minutes – April 13, 2015