



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: FEBRUARY 5, 2019

FROM: COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WARD: 1
DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: PLANNING CASE P18-0951, HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND GRANT REQUEST BY THE RIVERSIDE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM FOR \$10,800 TOWARD THE HIRING OF A GRANT WRITING CONSULTANT TO ASSIST IN WRITING A GRANT APPLICATION FOR CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 68 GRANT FUNDS, TO COMPLETE THE REHABILITATION OF HARADA HOUSE, LOCATED AT 3356 LEMON STREET.

ISSUE:

Approval of a request by the Riverside Metropolitan Museum of a \$10,800 Historic Preservation Fund Grant to hire a grant writing consultant to assist in writing a grant application for California Proposition 68 grant funds to fund part of the rehabilitation of Harada House.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council approve Planning Case P18-0951, thereby awarding a \$10,800 Historic Preservation Fund Grant to hire a grant writing consultant to assist in writing a grant application for California Proposition 68 grant funding for rehabilitation of the Harada House, subject to the attached Conditions of Approval.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On January 14, 2019, the Historic Preservation Fund Committee recommended approval of by a unanimous vote of Planning Case P18-0951 to award a \$10,800 Historic Preservation Fund Grant to hire a grant writing consultant to assist in writing a grant application for California Proposition 68 grant funding for rehabilitation of the Harada House.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

On April 16, 2013, City Council adopted Ordinance 7206 which added Section 20.30.030 to the Riverside Municipal Code (RMC) to create a Historic Preservation Fund. Section 20.30.030 (D)(1) reads as follows:

The Committee may consider and approve applications for grants up to \$25,000, but no more than \$25,000 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 Committee's recommendation.

DISCUSSION:

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 to a museum may be an eligible project for Prop 68 funding. To apply for the Prop 68 grant funds, the Riverside Metropolitan Museum (RMM) requires the assistance of a grant writer to prepare the application. The Museum does not have available staffing to complete the application or funding to hire a grant writer.

On November 21, 2018, RMM submitted a Historic Preservation Fund Grant application to the Planning Division, requesting \$10,800, to hire a grant writer. Because RMM was previously awarded a \$25,000 grant for a stabilization project at the Harada House on April 13, 2015, approval by the City Council is required, as this request would exceed the \$25,000 limit set in Chapter 20 that can be approved by the Historic Preservation Fund Committee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There are sufficient funds available in the Historic Preservation Trust Fund account 0000721-225467 to fund the \$10,800 grant award toward the hiring of a grant writer.

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Approved as to form:	Gary G. Geuss, City Attorney

Attachment:

1. Historic Preservation Fund Committee Report – 1/14/2019
2. Historic Preservation Fund Committee Minutes – 1/14/2019
3. Staff Recommended Conditions of Approval