



*City of Arts & Innovation*

# City Council Memorandum

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL      DATE: JUNE 4, 2019**

**FROM: MUSEUM DEPARTMENT      WARDS: ALL**

**SUBJECT: GRANT FROM CITY OF RIVERSIDE HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$866.25, TO HIRE GRANT WRITING CONSULTANT TO ASSIST WITH WRITING AN APPLICATION FOR CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 68 GRANT FUNDING, ADMINISTERED BY THE CALIFORNIA NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY, TO SUPPORT REHABILITATION OF HARADA HOUSE – RECEIPT OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT FUNDS AND SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION**

## **ISSUES:**

Authorize the receipt and appropriation of grant funds from the City of Riverside Historic Preservation Fund, in the amount of \$866.25, to hire a grant writing consultant to assist with writing an application for California Proposition 68 grant funding, administered by the California Natural Resources Agency, to support the rehabilitation of Harada House.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the City Council:

1. Authorize the receipt of grant funds from the City of Riverside Historic Preservation Fund in an amount of \$866.25 to Revenue Account No. 9908000885-33900000; and
2. Authorize an increase in revenues of \$866.25 in Revenue Account No. 9908000885-33900000 and appropriate expenditures in the same amount into Expenditure Account No. 9908000885-44030900.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Historic Preservation Fund Program provides grants for the conservation, preservation, restoration, and rehabilitation of Cultural Resources consistent with the purpose of Riverside Municipal Code Chapter 20.30. The grant program is administered by the Historic Preservation Fund Committee, which develops the criteria and selection process for evaluating project applications, including guidelines for matching funds, for City Council review and approval; and shall approve or deny applications for grants in accordance with the set criteria. The Historic Preservation Fund Committee is a committee of the City of Riverside's Community and Economic Development Department.

On February 5, 2019, the City Council approved 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, administered by the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA), for rehabilitation of the Harada House, subject to Conditions of Approval. There are no matching funds required for this grant.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The Museum of Riverside (Museum) has struggled to secure the significant funding required to proceed with the complex process of rehabilitating Harada House to a high standard of preservation. In September 2018, the Museum identified CNRA's Proposition 68 grant program called "Cultural, Community, and Natural Resources" as a potential source of funding for the rehabilitation of Harada House. With the expectation that the grant would be highly competitive, the Museum contracted a grant writer for assistance with the grant application to maximize the likelihood of success in obtaining a grant award of \$3,000,000. The grant writer provided grant-writing services in support of the Museum's Proposition 68 grant application in the total amount of \$866.25.

On February 5, 2019, City Council approved the Museum's grant application to the California Natural Resources Agency for competitive funding through California Proposition 68, in the amount of \$3,000,000, to support rehabilitation of the Harada House.

The first phase of the grant application process, the concept proposal, was submitted to CNRA by the deadline of February 13, 2019. Unfortunately, the concept was not approved, and the Museum Department was not invited to continue with the application process. There are currently no active applications for funding to support the rehabilitation of the Harada House. The remainder of the Historic Preservation Fund award will revert to the Historic Preservation Fund Committee to be redistributed for other Historic Preservation Fund purposes. The Museum Department will continue to search for available funding sources.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The fiscal impact of this action is an increase in estimated revenues of \$866.25 into revenue account no. 9908000885-33900000 and appropriate expenditures in the same amount into expenditure account no. 9908000885-44030900. There are no matching funds required for this grant.

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Attachment: Memorandum of Understanding by and between the Community and Economic Development Department and the Museum Department for a Historic Preservation Fund grant