



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: MARCH 2, 2021

FROM: MUSEUM DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: GRANT AWARD OF \$5,000 FROM NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION FOR A HARADA HOUSE EXHIBITION – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

ISSUE:

Approve the acceptance of a grant award in the amount of \$5,000 from the National Trust for Historic Preservation for a Harada House exhibition and authorize a supplemental appropriation in the same amount.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve the acceptance of grant funding in the amount of \$5,000 from the National Trust for Historic Preservation for a Harada House exhibition;
2. Authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute all grant documents with National Trust for Historic Preservation including making minor and non-substantive changes to documents associated with the grant; and
3. Authorize an increase in revenue and appropriation of expenditures in the amount of \$5,000 each to the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund National Trust Historic Preservation Account.

BACKGROUND:

The National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) is a privately funded nonprofit organization. The organization works to save America's historic sites, tell the full American story, build stronger communities, and invest in preservation's future. The NTHP is committed to protecting America's rich cultural legacy and helping build vibrant, sustainable communities that reflect our nation's diversity. Grants from the National Trust Preservation Fund range from \$2,500 to \$5,000 and have provided over \$15 million in support since 2003.

In 2020, the Museum of Riverside's National Historic Landmark Harada House was named to the NTHP's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places list.

DISCUSSION:

In the wake of Harada House being named to the NTHP's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places list for 2020, NTHP staff in the California office encouraged application for support from the National Trust Preservation Fund for Harada House interpretation. The grants are intended to support consultant services for rehabilitating buildings, technical assistance for historic site tourism promotion, and the development of materials for education and outreach. The Museum's grant falls in the latter category. In September 2020, the Museum submitted an application for \$5,000 to support an exhibition with the working title of *A Civil Rights Monument: Telling the Harada Family Story*, slated to be the initial exhibition in Robinson House, the Harada House interpretive center.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Upon approval, an increase revenue in the amount of \$5,000 will be made to the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund National Trust Historic Preservation Account No. 9918200-339000, and an appropriation of the same amount will be made to the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund National Trust Historic Preservation Account No. 9918200-421000. The NTHP grant requires a 1:1 match. This match is satisfied by funds already allocated in the Museum's General Fund budget for the development of historic house interpretation in Museum Account No. 5305000-426800.

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Availability of funds: Edward Enriquez, Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer
Approved by: Moises Lopez, Deputy City Manager
Approved as to form: Kristi J. Smith, Interim City Attorney

Attachment: National Trust for Historic Preservation Grant Agreement