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March 17, 2025

The Honorable Mayor Karen Bass
City of Los Angeles
Room 303, City Hall

The Honorable Members of the City Council
C/O City Clerk
Room 395, City Hall

RE: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ACCEPT A \$7,900 GRANT FROM THE GETTY FOUNDATION FOR THE 2024/2025 "GETTY MARROW UNDERGRADUATE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM"

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) applied for, and received a notice of grant award from, the Getty Foundation for the "Getty Marrow Undergraduate Internship Program" (MUI). The goal of the Getty Foundation MUI program is to expose college students from backgrounds that have been underrepresented in the arts to careers in museums and visual arts organizations. Originally titled the "Multicultural Undergraduate Internship" program, the program was renamed in 2018 to honor its founder and long-time Getty Foundation director Deborah Marrow.

In accordance with Los Angeles Administrative Code 14.6(A) and 14.8(c), DCA requests authority to retroactively submit this grant application in accordance with the recommendations above, and authorization to subsequently accept grant funds, and expend them in accordance with the recommendations below.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The General Manager of the Department of Cultural Affairs respectfully requests that the City Council, subject to approval by the Mayor:

1. AUTHORIZE the General Manager of the Department of Cultural Affairs or designee to retroactively submit a grant application to the Getty Foundation "Marrow Undergraduate Internship" program;
2. AUTHORIZE the General Manager of the Department of Cultural Affairs or designee to submit all necessary paperwork relative to the grant, subject to City Attorney approval as to form and legality;
3. AUTHORIZE the Department of Cultural Affairs to accept a grant award from the Getty Foundation in the amount of \$7,900;
4. AUTHORIZE the General Manager of the Department of Cultural Affairs or designee to negotiate and execute the grant award and agreement on behalf of the City and submit the required reporting relative to the grant, subject to City Attorney approval as to form and legality;



5. AUTHORIZE the Department of Cultural Affairs to receive and expend grant funds for activities for all eligible purposes;
6. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:
 - A) ESTABLISH a new appropriation account within Fund 337/30, Cultural Affairs Grants, to be labeled "Getty MUI 24/25";
 - B) APPROPRIATE \$7,900 received from the Getty Foundation into the newly established account "Getty MUI 24/25" within Fund 337/30; and
7. AUTHORIZE the General Manager of the Department of Cultural Affairs or designee to prepare any Controller's instructions needed to implement actions approved by the Council and Mayor on matters presented in, or deriving from, the transmittal, and/or to make necessary technical adjustments, and further, request that the Controller implement these instructions.

SUMMARY:

The Getty Foundation awarded DCA \$7,900 to support a DCA internship placement from June 16, 2025 through August 22, 2025. The Getty Marrow Undergraduate Internship program (MUI) offers paid internships for undergraduates residing in LA County in the arts field, such as curatorship, conservation, education, publications, and public programming.

To date, DCA has hosted 11 Getty MUI Internships, in FY 2008-09 through FY 2012-13; and from FY 2014-15 through FY 2019-20. As DCA facilities and programs have rebounded after the COVID- pandemic, there is a greater opportunity for DCA to host internships. Past internships have supported DCA's core divisions including Public Art, Grants Administration, and Community Arts, to assist with operations at DCA theaters, galleries, and art centers.

For FY 2024-25, the internship will focus on curatorial support at DCA's Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery (LAMAG). The position will support LAMAG's 2025 exhibition planning, public programs, and developing educational resources. Digitization and development of conservation practices will be a related part of the internship.

Getty funding will reimburse DCA Salaries As-Needed account for salary support, with the class code determined through the Personnel Department at a rate commensurate with the Getty grant, and in-full compliance with all City prevailing wage and related mandates.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no impact to the General Fund.

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