

REPORT FROM

## OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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Council District: All

To: The City Council

From: *for* Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer 

Subject: **APPROVAL OF FEDERAL AWARDS AND AGREEMENTS - FISCAL YEAR 2024  
COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING (CPF) GRANTS ALLOCATED TO THE CITY**

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### RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council, subject to approval of the Mayor:

1. Approve the attached list of Fiscal Year 2024 federal earmark grants awarded for various City projects;
2. Authorize the respective General Managers of departments or designees that are awarded Fiscal Year 2024 Federal Community Project Funding or Congressional Directed Spending as outlined in the Attachment to:
  - a. Negotiate and execute a grant agreement and submit all requested documentation including an application and/or grant award package with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development;
  - b. Establish a separate interest-bearing fund or account, and accept and disburse the grant funds in accordance with the amounts specified in the Attachment; and
3. Authorize the aforementioned General Managers or designees, of these administering departments to make any technical corrections or clarifications to the above recommendations and fund transfer instructions in order to effectuate the intent of these matters, including any corrections and changes to fund or account numbers.

### SUMMARY

This report requests your approval of actions relative to the City's Federal Fiscal Year 2024 (FY2024) Community Project Funding (CPF) earmark grant awards included in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024, which are administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

In 2021, Congress reinstated the Earmark Program. Eligible non-profit organizations and local, state, or tribal governments submit earmark requests to their respective Members of Congress, who then send their final recommendations on designating an amount of funds to a particular recipient for a specific project to each chamber's Appropriations Committee. Each chamber's Appropriation Committee then selects final requests to be included in the annual federal spending bills. The earmarks are requested based on individual Members' understanding of their own state's or district's needs, rather than awarded solely based on Federal agency priorities. The House and Senate established reforms for the reinstated program to create increased transparency and accountability. Members of Congress must attest that they will not profit from any earmark and must post the earmarks they are requesting on their websites.

During the annual appropriations process, Congress determines how to allocate money in the discretionary budget. Earmarks are capped at one percent of the discretionary budget, divided proportionally between the House and Senate, Democrats and Republicans. The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 included over \$14 billion in earmarks, which accounted for about 0.9 percent of discretionary spending. These member directed funds, still referred to as earmarks, are known as Community Project Funding (CPF) in the House and Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) in the Senate. The Mayor and several Councilmembers submitted requests to various Congressional Members resulting in CPF grant awards totaling \$18.6 million to support project priorities in the City (Attachment).

As these funds are awarded on a non-competitive basis, the grant award process includes formal award notification along with a consolidated grant application and award package. The City is currently in the process of receiving correspondence and related documentation from the relevant grantor agencies. For Fiscal Year 2024, all of the City's federal earmark grants will be administered and disbursed by HUD.

In accordance with Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) Section 14.6, departments may submit applications without Mayor and Council approval if no City General Funds, matching funds, or other commitments of City resources are required. Prior Mayor and Council approval may also be waived when the NOFA is published less than 61 days in advance of the date of application. However, all departments require Mayor and Council approval before accepting and receiving a grant award. Therefore, authority is recommended for the departments to submit grant applications or project information packages, negotiate and execute grant award agreements, and submit any necessary documentation for the proposed projects included in the report Attachments. It is further recommended that whenever a grant application contains all the elements of a binding commitment upon the City, the Council may authorize the department or office to subsequently execute the grant award on behalf of the City (LAAC Section 14.8, Subsection (c)).

## **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

Approval of the recommendations in this report will not impact the General Fund. The Federal Fiscal Year 2024 CPF grant funding secured by the Mayor and Councilmembers will be used to support 15 priority projects. There are no match requirements for these Federal earmark grant programs.

## **FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT**

The City's Financial Policies require that the City pursue Federal, State, and private grants but strictly limit financial support of these programs to avoid commitments that continue beyond available funding. The recommendations stated in this report comply with the City's Financial Policies in that the proposed funding is balanced against established revenue approved by Council actions and from Federal or State grant receipts. All funding is subject to the availability of grant funds and funding determinations by Mayor and Council.

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Attachment: FY2024 Federal Community Project Funding Grants

**ATTACHMENT – FY 2024 FEDERAL COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING GRANTS**

<b>Lead Department</b>	<b>Administering Agency</b>	<b>Grant Number</b>	<b>Congressional Project Title</b>	<b>Total Grant (in millions)</b>
BSS	HUD EDI	B-24-CP-CA-0125	Woodman Sidewalk Improvements	\$1.00
BOE	HUD EDI	B-24-CP-CA-0128	Sylmar Senior Center Design & Recreation Center Renovation	\$0.85
LADOT	HUD EDI	B-24-CP-CA-0132	Chandler Boulevard Bike Path Gap Closure Project	\$0.65
LAHD	HUD EDI	B-24-CP-CA-0134	The Saticoy Gardens Permanent Supportive Housing Renovation	\$0.50
BOE	HUD EDI	B-24-CP-CA-0186	Bureau of Engineering, Department of Public Works, Bulkhead Project Improvements or Similar Street Improvements Project	\$0.60
BOE	HUD EDI	B-24-CP-CA-0207	411 N. Vermont Site Preparation for Mixed-Use Affordable Housing Development	\$0.50
LAHD	HUD EDI	B-24-CP-CA-0236	The Prentice Permanent Supportive Housing Improvements	\$1.84
RAP	HUD EDI	B-24-CP-CA-0266	Venice Beach Restroom Replacement Project	\$0.85
LAHD	HUD EDI	B-24-CP-CA-0330	Gower Street Apartments Improvements	\$3.00
RAP	HUD EDI	B-24-CP-CA-0335	Council District 4 - Renewing Griffith Park	\$0.85
LAFD	HUD EDI	B-24-CP-CA-0342	Los Angeles Fire Department Station Renovations	\$3.00
LADOT	HUD EDI	B-24-CP-CA-0344	San Fernando Valley Traffic Safety Improvements	\$1.00
BOE	HUD EDI	B-24-CP-CA-0349	Bureau of Engineering Sepulveda Basin Hjelte Field	\$0.50

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LAHD	HUD EDI	B-24-CP-CA-0350	Alabama Court Renovations	\$0.50
MAYOR	HUD EDI	B-24-CP-CA-0426	Inside Safe Program	\$3.00