

REPORT FROM

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To: Budget and Finance Committee

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for Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer

Subject: **FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT APPLICATIONS: AUTHORITY TO APPLY FOR THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH (OPR), INTEGRATED CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCY PROGRAM (ICARP) – EXTREME HEATING AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCY PROGRAM (EHCRP) ROUND 1 – FY 2023-24**

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council, subject to approval of the Mayor:

1. Authorize the General Manager of the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) and the Director of the Public Works (PW) Board or designees to prepare and submit grant applications for the California Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program (ICARP), Extreme Heating and Community Resiliency Program (EHCRP) Round 1– FY 2023-24; and,
2. Instruct the RAP General Manager and the Director of the PW Board or designees, if the City is awarded the grants, to request authority to accept the grant awards and to request approval for any related actions to implement the grant awards.

SUMMARY

On January 29, 2024, the California Governor's Office of Planning and Research, Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program (ICARP) released a notice of funding availability for the Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program (EHCRP) Round 1 – FY 2023-24. The EHCRP will provide funding for planning and implementation projects to reduce the impacts of extreme heat and to build community resilience and/or frameworks for change and investment in local, regional, and tribal projects for strengthening communities that are vulnerable to heat, climate hazards, and adverse effects. The grant submission due date is April 24, 2024 and awards will be announced in the summer of 2024. The performance period is 30 months. There is no matching fund requirement or additional restrictions such as a limitation to the number of application submissions per entity.

The OPR will provide funding of up to \$20 million for the EHCRP Round 1 FY 2023-24 under the following categories:

| Type | Description | Funding and Award Range |
|------------------------|--|--|
| Planning - Small | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity building Pre-planning activities Project development and small-scale planning | <p>Total of \$3 million available</p> <p>Award Range \$100,000 - \$250,000</p> |
| Planning - Large | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create or amend comprehensive local heat action plan Amend, update integrate, align or prepare one or more regional, local, or tribal planning documents to address extreme heat Conduct studies Demonstrate projects | <p>Total of \$5 million available</p> <p>Award Range \$300,000 - \$750,000</p> |
| Implementation - Small | <p>Track A: build public awareness and notification</p> <p>Track B: Strengthen community services and response</p> <p>Track C: Increase resilience of the built environment</p> <p>Track D: Utilize nature-based solutions</p> | <p>Total of \$3 million available</p> <p>Award Range \$100,000 - \$450,000</p> |
| Implementation - Large | <p>Track A: build public awareness and notification</p> <p>Track B: Strengthen community services and response</p> <p>Track C: Increase resilience of the built environment</p> <p>Track D: Utilize nature-based solutions</p> | <p>Total of \$9 million available</p> <p>Award Range \$500,000 - \$4 million</p> |

Proposed Project Submissions

This Office received project proposals from the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) and the Board of Public Works, Climate Emergency Mobilization Office (CEMO) for the EHCRP Round 1 –FY 2023-24 as detailed in the chart below. Additional information is provided in the Attachment.

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| <p>Recreation and Parks Department (RAP)</p> <p>EHCRP Grant Application Category and Track: Implementation – Large</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Track C – Increase resilience of the built environment Track D – Utilize nature-based solutions <p>Proposed City Project Submission: Costello Pool and Bathhouse Replacement Project</p> <p>Proposed Grant Funding: \$4,000,000</p> |
| <p>Board of Public Works, Climate Emergency Mobilization Office (CEMO)</p> <p>EHCRP Grant Application Category: Planning - Large</p> <p>Proposed City Project Submission: Heat Action Resilience Plan, City of LA</p> <p>Proposed Grant Funding: \$750,000</p> |

Other Criteria

The EHCRP Round 1 – FY 2023-24 requires partnerships and community engagement. Applicants seeking large implementation and large planning grants should apply with a community-based non-profit organization (CBO) or coalition co-applicant.

RAP will identify a CBO subsequent to the application submission as allowable per the grant guidelines. CEMO has identified a CBO and co-applicant, Vision y Compromiso, to co-design the public engagement process, distribution of outreach materials, and serve as a Community Advisory Committee member.

Required Approval to Accept Award

In accordance with Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 14.6(a), all departments are required to seek Mayor and Council approval before accepting and receiving a grant award. It is therefore recommended that RAP and CEMO report back to the Mayor and Council upon award notification to request authority to accept and receive the grant award and confirm there is no additional General Fund impact.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Approval of the recommendations in this report will not result in a General Fund impact. No matching funds are required for the EHCRP Round 1 FY 2023-2024. However, upon notification of a grant award, a reassessment on the General Fund impact should be completed as it relates to either lower than requested grant award amounts, verification of local match requirements, or front-funding for grants on a reimbursement basis.

FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT

The recommendations in this report comply with the City's Financial Policies.

Attachment: Proposed Grant Project

ATTACHMENT – PROPOSED GRANT PROJECTS

Grantor: California OPR, Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program (ICARP)
 Grant: Extreme Heating and Community Resiliency Program (EHCRP) Round 1 – FY 2023-24
 Award Date: Summer 2024
 Performance Period: Up to 30 months

| Lead Department | (CD) Project Name | EHCRP Grant Project Description | Total Project Budget | Total Grant Request | Other Funding | Planned Completion Date |
|--|---|--|----------------------|---------------------|---|--|
| Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) | Costello Pool and Bathhouse Replacement Project | <p>Demolition and reconstruction of existing swimming pool, pool deck, supporting retaining walls, bathhouse and pool equipment room to serve the Boyle Heights community. The project will add new trees and landscaping and provide a public infrastructure.</p> <p>The project planning and design phase is managed by the Bureau of Engineering. RAP has allocated \$2 million in Quimby funds for this phase.</p> | \$23,760,000 | \$4,000,000 | <p>\$2,000,000 Quimby Fees</p> <p>RAP & BOE will continue to pursue other funding sources</p> | <p>Design, Planning Phase: 6/2024-6/2025</p> <p>Construction Phase: 7/2025 – 06/2027</p> |

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| PW Board CEMO | Heat Action and Resilience Plan, City of LA | <p>Develop the City's first Heat Action and Resilience Plan, as mandated by the City and the State, to serve as the blueprint for a comprehensive heat mitigation plan for departments to prioritize greatest need areas and activities.</p> <p>CEMO will also develop a Heat Action Dashboard for tracking and data analysis, and monitoring of strategies, metrics, and outcomes.</p> <p>The Heat Action and Resilience Plan will foster robust collaboration and participation with key stakeholders, contributors, CBOs, and City departments.</p> | \$750,000 | \$750,000 | N/A | <p>Task 1: Project Implementation: 1/2025-6/2025</p> <p>Task 2: Public Engagement Initiation, data review and assessment : 6/2025-2/2026</p> <p>Task 3: Final Plan Review, Adoption and Plan Distribution: 3/2026 – 06/2027</p> |