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March 10, 2025

The Honorable Karen Bass  
Mayor of Los Angeles  
Room 303, City Hall  
Attention: Legislative Coordinator

The City Council  
C/O City Clerk  
Room 395, City Hall

RE: Request to approve a \$1,000,000 Community Project Funding grant administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to support the Highland Park Youth Arts Center

## RECOMMENDATIONS

The General Manager of the Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) respectfully requests that the City Council take action on the following actions, subject to approval by the Mayor:

1. AUTHORIZE the DCA General Manager, or designee, to accept the \$1,000,000 Community Project Funding (CPF) award on behalf of the City and to execute the Federal Grant Agreement with the Department of Housing and Urban Development pursuant to the authority of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 and superseding provisions of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023.
2. APPROVE the use of the \$1,000,000 in CPF funds to support the pre-development phase of constructing the Highland Park Youth Arts Center (HPYAC), a new Los Angeles youth arts center at the existing location of the Bridgewell Armory in Council District 14.
3. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:
  - a. ESTABLISH a new interest-bearing fund titled "HUD Federal Community Project Funding DCA," and recognize a receivable in the amount of \$1,000,000, receive and disburse the said funds to the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering (BOE) to support the construction project upon presentation of documentation and proper demand of the DCA.
  - b. CREATE an appropriation account within the newly established fund and to expend therefrom subject to DCA approval.



Appropriation Account	Account Name	Amount
30XXXX (TBD)	Highland Park Youth Arts Center	\$1,000,000

4. AUTHORIZE the General Managers, or designees, of the program implementing departments to negotiate and execute contracts, contract amendments, and/or interdepartmental agreements as needed with grant recipients in consultation with DCA as grant administrator, subject to City Attorney approval as to form.

5. INSTRUCT the DCA and REQUEST the BOE to report on the status of the HPYAC Project within 30 calendar days after the six-month performance period to comply with the HUD's reporting requirements.

6. AUTHORIZE the General Manager of the DCA or designee to prepare necessary Controller's instructions to implement actions approved by the Council and Mayor on matters presented in or deriving from the transmittal, and/or to make necessary technical adjustment, and further, REQUEST that the Controller implement these instructions.

## SUMMARY

This report requests approval of actions relative to the City's Federal Community Project Funding (CPF) administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), for the Highland Park Youth Arts Center (HPYAC). The grant is listed as B-22-CP-CA-0093, included in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022, with superseding provisions of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023.

In July 2022, HUD announced \$1,000,000 in CPF grant funding was allocated for the HPYAC, through the advocacy of Congressional District 34, and LA Council District 14. The Highland Park Youth Arts Center development was approved by voters in 1996 for funding through the Proposition K ballot measure, along with more than 180 named capital projects designed to advance the City's youth infrastructure, including new youth arts education centers, parks, and programs.

HUD grant funds will be managed by the City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA). All pre-development and construction will be managed by the LA City Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering (BOE). When complete, the HPYAC will be managed and operated by DCA.

The site includes the former Bridewell Armory - a post-World War II era National Guard Armory eligible for historic preservation. Initial project planning recommends the construction of a new 5,000 sq. ft. facility separated from the Armory, allowing for historical preservation of the main site. The site is currently in pre-development, with environmental Review and CEQA clearance is anticipated for 2025. The CPF grant requires the facility be completed by FY29/30.

Prior Mayor and Council approval may also be waived, as the NOFA was published less than 61 days in advance of published notification. However, DCA requires Mayor and Council approval before accepting and receiving the grant award. Therefore, authority is requested retroactively for DCA to submit the grant application, negotiate and execute grant award agreements, and submit any necessary documentation for the project.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no impact to the General Fund 100.

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Attachment: HUD Grant Agreement B-22-CP-CA-0093