

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to summary of Federal and State grant opportunities for which City Departments have reported an interest in applying for.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. AUTHORIZE, in certain cases retroactively, the following entities to prepare grant applications for the proposals as outlined in Attachments 1 and 2 of the August 11, 2022 City Administrative Officer (CAO) report, attached to the Council File:
 - a. Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners
 - b. General Manager, Bureau of Engineering and/or designees.
 - c. General Manager, Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), and/or designees.
2. INSTRUCT the respective General Managers of Departments or designees that are awarded grants to request Council authority to accept the grant award and confirm that there is no additional General Fund fiscal impact.
3. AUTHORIZE the respective General Managers of Departments or designees that are awarded Community Project Funding as outlined in Attachment 3 of the August 11, 2022 CAO report, attached to the Council File to:
 - a. Negotiate and execute a grant agreement with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development and submit all requested documentation.
 - b. Establish a separate interest-bearing fund and accept and disburse the grant funds in the amounts specified in Attachment 3 of the August 11, 2022 CAO report.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that approval of the recommendations contained in the April 13, 2022 and August 11, 2022 CAO reports, attached to the Council File, will not result in a General Fund impact. However, upon notification of grant award, a reassessment of any potential impact on the General Fund should be completed as it relates to lower than requested grant award amounts, verification and identification of local match requirements, and front-funding needs for grants funded on a reimbursement basis.

Fiscal Policies Statement: The CAO reports that the recommendations contained in the April 13, 2022 and August 11, 2022 CAO reports, attached to the Council File, comply with the City's Financial Policies.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

(Also referred to the Public Works and Budget and Finance Committees)

Summary:

On August 16, 2022, the Transportation Committee considered April 13, 2022 and August 11, 2022 CAO reports relative to summary of Federal and State grant opportunities for which City Departments have reported an interest in applying for. According to the CAO, the August 11, 2022 report provides a second status update on the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and state grants for which City departments have reported an interest in applying (detailed in Attachments 1 and 2 of the August 11, 2022 CAO report).

Also, the August 11, 2022 report also addresses Community Project Funding (CPF) awards included in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 that are administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (Attachment 3 of the August 11, 2022 CAO report). Grant applications for the Active Transportation Grant Program (ATP) previously reported to Council (Council File No. 14-0499-S6), are listed in Attachment 2 in order to consolidate information as part of this reporting series.

Although the ATP does not have a local match requirement, a local match was proposed to increase the competitiveness of the grant applications. The Safe Streets for All Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) requires that each eligible applicant submit only one application. The LADOT evaluated all eligible City projects and determined that the most competitive project is the La Brea Complete Streets project based on project readiness, safety impact, and sustainability factors. The CAO concurs with this finding.

Should this grant application be funded, up to \$2.25 million in local match funds would still have to be identified. 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 departments to submit grant applications for the proposed projects included in the report Attachments. It is further recommended that departments report to the Mayor and Council upon award notification in order to request authority to accept and receive the grant award and confirm that there is no additional General Fund impact. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations contained in the August 11, 2022 CAO report. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,
Transportation Committee

COUNCILMEMBER VOTE

BONIN: YES

KORETZ: ABSENT

BUSCAINO: YES

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