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The Honorable Eric Garcetti
Mayor of Los Angeles
Room 303, City Hall

The City Council
C/O City Clerk
Room 395, City Hall
Attention: Legislative Coord

RE: REQUEST TO ACCEPT A \$3,000,000 STATE-DESIGNATED GRANT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ARTS COUNCIL FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO CITY-OWNED THEATERS IN CANOGA PARK

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. AUTHORIZE the General Manager of the Department of Cultural Affairs or designee to retroactively submit a Grant Agreement (Attachment 1) with the California Arts Council (CAC) and accept funding in the amount of \$3,000,000 for the 2021-2022 State Designated Grant entitled "State Designated Grant for the "Canoga Park Cultural Arts District" -- a capital improvement project to renovate two adjacent theaters, for a one-year period effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, and submit any other necessary agreements or grant period extensions relative to the implementation of this project, subject to the review and approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality;
2. Adopt the Authorizing Resolution (Attachment 2), as requested by the grantor and subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form, which endorses the CAC grant agreement and authorizes DCA to comply with the CAC funding requirements of the Grant Agreement;
3. AUTHORIZE the Controller to:
 - A. ESTABLISH a new interest-bearing fund entitled "State Designated Grant –Canoga Park Cultural Arts District," and recognize a receivable in the amount of \$3,000,000, receive and disperse the funds to complete capital improvements, upon presentation of documentation or proper demand, and create other new appropriation accounts within the newly established fund for disbursement of said funds to the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering, as well as other City agencies, as required, to finalize architectural plans and capital renovations;

Appropriation Account	Account Name	Amount
30XXX-TBD	Canoga Park Cultural Arts District Revitalization	\$3,000,000

4. 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 adjustment, and further, request that the Controller implement these instructions.



SUMMARY

The California Arts Council is the State agency officially designated to provide pass-through funding from the Federal Budget annually for arts and art-education programs, as well as other direct financial support, services, and competitive grant opportunities to both local government and to non-profit cultural organizations; helping to provide coordinated activities that support efforts to enrich the lives of all Angeleos by providing means for equity in arts and cultural programs, for all residents and visitors of all neighborhoods throughout California.

In accordance with Los Angeles Administrative Code 14.6(b), as the Grant Notice of Funding Availability was published after designated projects were determined to be authorized by Federal and State agencies to function as pass-through awards, advance City Council approval to submit applications is not required. In accordance with Los Angeles Administrative Code 14.6(b) and 14.8(c), DCA requests authority to submit this grant application retroactively, in accordance with the recommendations above, and authorization to subsequently accept and disperse grant funds. There is no matching requirement for this grant.

BACKGROUND

In June 2021, the California Arts Council notified DCA that through the State budget process, State Designated Grant funds were approved for a City of Los Angeles project through the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 California State budget. When a Specified Grant has been approved for a project (via State Fiscal Year Budget) to the City of Los Angeles, the City of Los Angeles City Councilmember(s), the Assemblyperson, and/or the California Senator have agreed that the specified project needs additional funding for improvements.

The “Canoga Park Cultural Arts District” project scope of work includes: 1) Capital improvements to the Madrid Theatre; and 2) Renovation of an existing small black-box theater into the Taxco Theatre, to serve as an incubator space to accommodate the diversity of artistic disciplines and local artists encompassing the West San Fernando Valley area of Los Angeles. Additionally, the Canoga Park Youth Arts Center, operated by the City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs; and the Unite Cultural Center, a nonprofit community space, are both located within a block from the anchor theaters.

In December 2018, the City purchased the Taxco Theatre, a small performing arts center seating about 150 people. Based on extensive community engagement with local residents, revitalization of the Madrid and Taxco theaters was identified as a key element in ongoing community development efforts.

This State Designated grant is led by DCA, while the capital renovations will be managed by the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering. Upon completion, DCA will operate both theaters to provide impactful family programming – including educational classes, internships that encourage workforce development and diversity in the field, and outdoor public events with local nonprofit agencies and creative businesses to advance livability and stimulate economic growth.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no impact to the General Fund 100.

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