



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: MARCH 6, 2007

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL ENDOWMENT GRANT APPLICATION

DATE: JANUARY 26, 2007

FROM: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES/RECREATION DIVISION

PRESENTATION BY: JANA M. RANSOM, RECREATION MANAGER

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RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the resolution for application to the California Cultural and Historical Endowment (CCHE) for funds to be used for renovation of and repair to the Diego Sepulveda Adobe.

BACKGROUND

The California Cultural and Historical Endowment (CCHE) is a new state agency that funds projects through a competitive grant process to tell the stories of California as a unified society and of the many groups of people that together comprise historic and modern California.

CCHE is currently working with a funding source of voter-approved bonds from the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002, more commonly known as Proposition 40.

Approximately \$122 million will be available to government entities and non-profit organizations through a competitive grant application process. This grant requires a dollar for dollar (1:1) match from the City.

Currently, CCHE is conducting Round Three of its grant applications.

At the May 17, 2005 City Council meeting, \$120,000 was allocated to the repair and preservation of the Estancia Adobe from the Home Ranch funds (Attachment A). A recent assessment of the building was conducted by John C. Loomis of Thirtieth Street Architects (Newport Beach) and determined that this amount of funding would be sufficient only for repairs to stave off further deterioration. In order to restore and preserve the building for the future, several repairs that have been made in the last 40 years must be reversed and/or re-done in a historically appropriate manner. The CCHE funds, if received, would allow the City to take on many of the elements necessary to fully renovate the structure.

ANALYSIS

Historical preservation specialist, John Loomis, of Thirtieth Street Architects in Newport Beach conducted an inspection of the Diego Sepulveda (Estancia) Adobe for the purpose of assessing repairs and renovations needed to accurately reflect the historical period of the building's earliest uses (Attachment B). In his assessment, Mr. Loomis provided several elements that the City

should undertake to prevent further deterioration of the building due to weather and time. He went on to provide several tasks that should be undertaken for historical accuracy. He also listed several elements that, should funding allow, the City could undertake to enhance the building and its surroundings. The analysis is attached.

Should the CCHE funds be received, the City will request bids to develop plans and specifications for the required and optional elements and to act as project manager for construction. A separate request for proposals will be bid for the actual construction. Historical preservation experience will be required.

The Costa Mesa Historical Society has provided the City with several documents and pictures to aid in this application.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

Do not authorize staff to apply for these funds.

FISCAL REVIEW

The application will be for an amount of \$150,000 from the CCHE. The City will be required to match the amount on a 1:1 basis.

LEGAL REVIEW

Legal review will be required if application for funding is successful in order to complete the Grant Agreement.

CONCLUSION

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ATTACHMENTS: [A Minutes of May 17, 2005 City Council Meeting](#)
 [B Diego Sepulveda Scope of Work and Estimate of Costs](#)
 [C Resolution](#)