



REPORT TO COUNCIL City of Sacramento

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Consent
June 26, 2007

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: Grant: Humanities Collections and Resources

Location/Council District: Citywide

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the submission of an application for a Humanities Collections and Resources grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) for humanities collections and resources at the Sacramento Archives and Museum Collection Center (SAMCC).

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Presenters: Not applicable

Department: Convention, Culture & Leisure

Division: History and Science

Organization No: 4251

Description/Analysis

Issue: The City is eligible to apply for funding from the NEH for a "Humanities Collections and Resources Grant" which is a two-year, national grant for state and local governments, tribal governments and nonprofit organizations.

Funding received from this grant will be used to preserve, arrange, describe and digitize the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) Archival Collection. The deadline for submission of an application is July 17, 2007.

The Humanities Collections and Resources grants support projects that preserve and create intellectual access to such collections as books, journals, newspapers, manuscript and archival materials, maps, still and moving images, sound recordings, art and objects of material culture. The amount of the NEH grant awards range from \$50,000 to \$350,000 for a two-year period. SAMCC proposes to apply for a grant in the amount of \$150,816 which will cover the costs of the salary of a graduate student from the California State University History Department and the necessary archival supplies. There is no requirement for matching City funds.

Policy Considerations: The action proposed in this report supports the City's strategic goal to safeguard and manage the public's resources with integrity, prudence and efficiency.

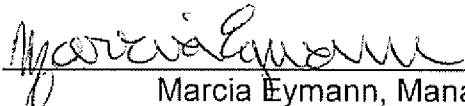
Environmental Considerations: Application is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b) (3). These are activities covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

Commission/Committee Action: None.

Rationale for Recommendation: The Humanities Collections and Resources Grant will provide needed funding for projects to benefit and enhance the community's quality of life.

Financial Considerations: There are no fiscal considerations associated with the recommendations contained in this report. If the City is successful in receiving this grant, staff will come back to City Council for approval to accept the funding and adjust grant and operating budgets.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): None. No goods or services are being purchased under this report.

Respectfully Submitted by: 
Marcia Eymann, Manager

Approved by: 
Barbara E. Bonebrake, Director

Recommendation Approved:

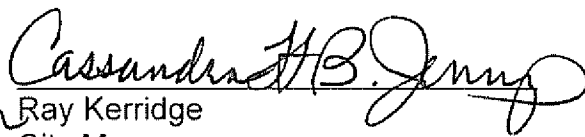

for Ray Kerridge
City Manager

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Attachment 1

**BACKGROUND – NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS
PRESERVATION AND ACCESS GRANT**

The Humanities Collections and Resources grant is a two-year competitive grant for state and local jurisdictions, tribal governments and nonprofit organizations.

Funding received from this grant will be used to preserve, arrange, describe and digitize the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) Archival Collection.

Established in 1950, the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency's mission was to revitalize communities and provide affordable housing opportunities. Unique among the agency's redevelopment projects was the preservation and restoration of the Old Sacramento Historic District, the second oldest urban renewal historic district in the country.

Other SHRA projects include the Capitol Mall and K Street Mall projects, the Richards Boulevard development project and the collaboration with State and Federal agencies to construct the Interstate Route 5 freeway.

The SHRA Archival Collection consists of approximately 520 cubic feet of archival records including reports and studies, proposals, correspondence, plans, rehabilitation surveys, over 8,500 photographs, and blueprints, drawings, and maps which document the agency's redevelopment activities.

Once digitized, the collection will be made available on the Sacramento Archive's online database and will offer links to other websites such as those of the California State University Sacramento History Department, the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency, Sachistoryline (the collaborative website of the California State Library, the Sacramento Public Library and SAMCC) and the official City and County websites.

The amount of the NEH grant awards range from \$50,000 to \$350,000 for a two-year period. SAMCC proposes to apply for a grant in the amount of \$150,816 which will cover the costs of the salary of a graduate student from the California State University History Department and the necessary archival supplies. There is no requirement for matching City funds.

Attachment 2

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR A HUMANITIES
COLLECTIONS AND RESOURCES GRANT FROM THE
NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES**

BACKGROUND

- A. The National Endowment for the Humanities Collections and Resources grant is a two-year competitive grant for state and local jurisdictions, tribal governments and nonprofit organizations.
- B. The award amounts range from \$50,000 to \$350,000 with no requirement for matching City funds. The deadline to apply is July 17, 2007.

**BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

- Section 1. The History and Science Division of the Convention, Culture and Leisure Department is authorized to apply for a Humanities Collections and Resources grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

