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Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT: PRINCIPLES AND PROTOCOL FOR WEED AND SEED
GRANT APPLICATION**

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: Citywide

RECOMMENDATION:

This report recommends the City Council consider adopting the attached resolution regarding principles and a protocol for evaluating and submitting Weed and Seed project requests for grant funding opportunities.

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FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: May 24, 2005

SUMMARY:

This report recommends principles and a protocol be adopted by the City Council to guide City departments and the City Council in making decisions about Weed and Seed proposals before their formal submittal for *Official Designation* and competitive grant funding. The principles and protocol provide a timely opportunity for due diligence and discussion relative to operational impacts to City Departments - e.g., redeployment of staff and services. After initial review of project proposals, the City Council will then decide if its endorsement and participation is an effective and efficient use of limited and previously allocated resources that will not be replaced or backfilled.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION: None

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Weed and Seed is a community based multi-agency approach to law enforcement, crime prevention, and neighborhood restoration funded by the United States Department of Justice. The goals of Weed and Seed are to control violent crime, drug trafficking, and drug-related crime in designated high crime neighborhoods, and provide a safe environment free of crime and drug use for residents. Weeding focuses on law enforcement to eradicate criminals from the targeted neighborhood. Seeding emphasizes prevention, intervention, treatment, and neighborhood revitalization. Attachment A provides a graphic representation of key Weed and Seed program components.

The City of Sacramento received a Weed and Seed grant from the United States Department of Justice in 2000. Based on that experience and increased interest in adding new Weed and Seed areas, the Mayor and City Council directed the City Manager to develop principles for the Mayor and City Council to evaluate proposals regarding their operational impact on existing resources before approving new grant submittals. The principles are designed to identify direct and indirect operational impacts and costs associated with the project proposal on approved projects and existing resources in a timely and organized manner.

Proposed Principles and Protocol
for Determining The Most Competitive Weed and Seed Site(s)

- Grant applications for City Council consideration must be submitted by June 30.
- The City Manager or designee is the lead in coordinating the preparation and review of proposed sites for Weed and Seed grant application funding.
- The Councilmember must be consulted and support the Weed and Seed proposal (includes target neighborhood(s) in their district and lead non profit agency coordination) prior to action by the City Council.
- The City Council approves the selection of the Weed and Seed neighborhood proposal prior to applicant's submittal of the Letter of Intent to the United States Department of Justice for Official Recognition.
- The proposal's goals and objectives are consistent with the City's strategic plan.
- Measurable criteria is identified to evaluate program success.
- The boundaries of the targeted neighborhood shall correspond to EDP (Electro Data Processing) Districts used by the Sacramento Police Department to identify crime trends and patterns, and are located in a redevelopment area or other targeted area with committed funding sources, staffing, and other resources consistent with Weed and Seed grant leveraging requirements.
- An active and engaged neighborhood (association) is currently working with various City Departments, including Police.

- Crime statistics in the targeted area for crimes such as homicide, forcible rape, aggravated assault, robbery, gangs, and drugs are generally 20 percent higher than the average crime level for those crimes in the city.
- A Safe Haven such as a community center is located in the targeted area.
- There is demonstrated neighborhood and non-profit agency leadership, involvement, networks, and capacity to be a significant partner in leveraging resources.
- The proposal identifies any increased staff, training, equipment, supplies, and service impacts on existing resources and operations, and describes plans to address those impacts not funded by the grant or the City's general fund.
- Any reallocation of specific resources (e.g., Problem Oriented Police Officers, Code Enforcement Officer, etc.) as part of the grant match will not be replaced or backfilled.

Council action is requested at this time to coincide with 2005 Weed and Seed program policies. The first step in the process is to submit a Letter of Intent no later than August 31, 2005. Once Official Recognition status is finalized by the United States Department of Justice for competitive funding, the completed application must be postmarked by October 15, 2005. Only new site designations are eligible. Applications will not be accepted for expansion sites.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The Weed and Seed program emphasizes the leveraging of fiscal and program resources. City Departments (e.g., Police, Code Enforcement, Housing and Dangerous Buildings, Solid Waste, Parks and Recreation, Anti Graffiti, etc.) shall consult with the City Manager prior to the Weed and Seed proposal review to identify increased staff and service impacts not funded by the grant.

In the 2005 Weed and Seed Program Guide and Application Kit, competitive sites may apply for a total of \$175,000, of which at least 50 percent (\$87,500) must be used for "weeding," including community policing. Funding applicants are required to identify other funding sources (public or private) at a level five times the core funding contribution for sustainability. **For a grant award of \$175,000, the amount should equal or exceed \$875,000 (\$175,000 x 5) to be competitive.** The City Council must decide if its endorsement and participation in the Weed and Seed Program is prudent given the limits of previously allocated general fund resources that will not be replaced or backfilled.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

This report concerns administrative activities that will not have any significant effect on the environment and that do not constitute a "project" as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) {CEQA Guidelines Sections 15601(b)(3); 15378(b)}.

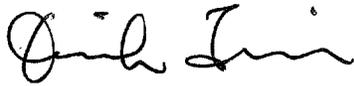
POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

Establishing a protocol to evaluate Weed and Seed grant opportunities is consistent with the City's mission "to protect, preserve and enhance the quality of life for present and future generations" and its core value of a balanced and sustained budget.

ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:

No goods or services are being purchased with this report.

Respectfully submitted,



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RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:



ROBERT P. THOMAS
City Manager

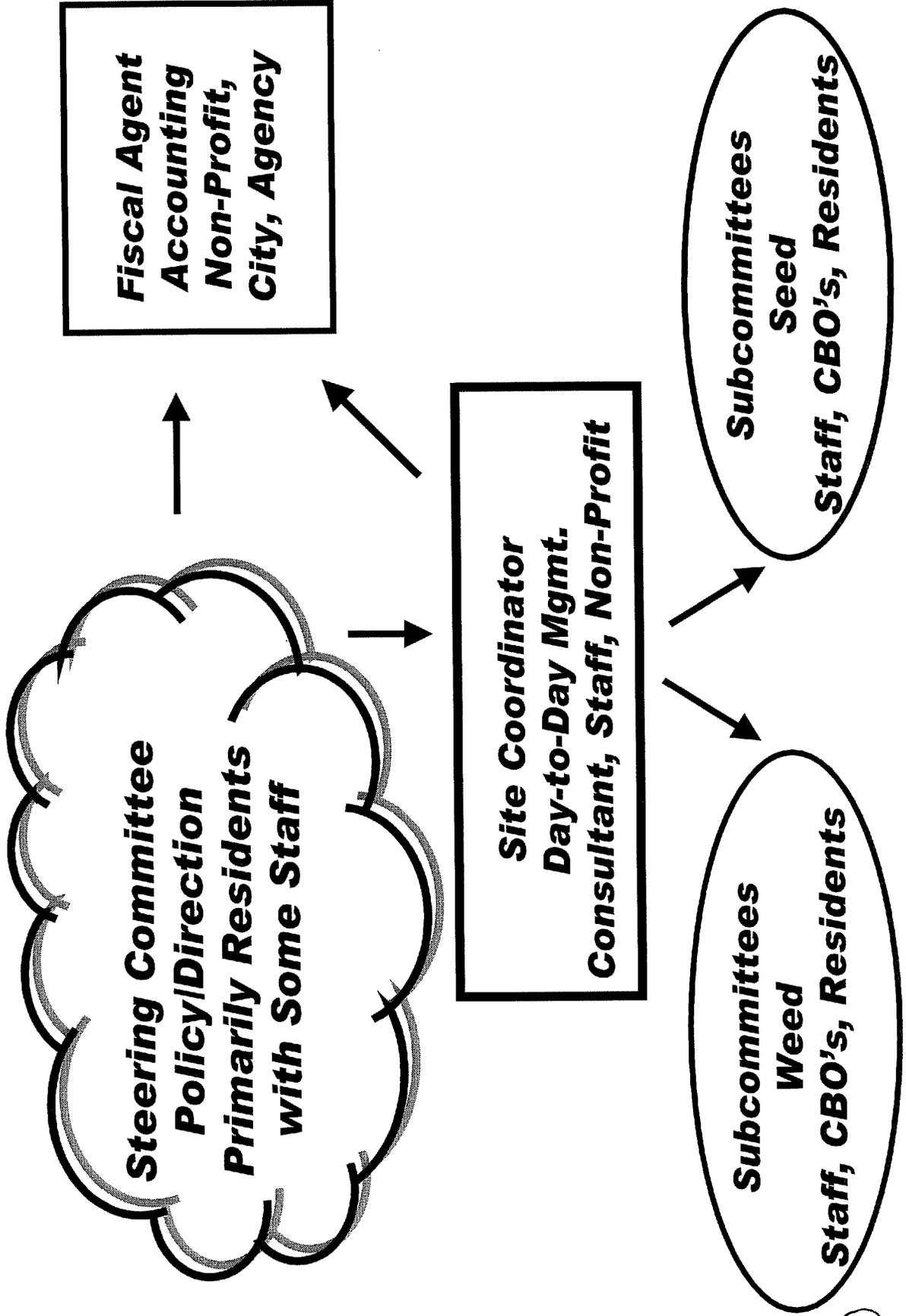
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Key Weed and Seed Program Components



RESOLUTION NO.

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF _____

RESOLUTION APPROVING WEED AND SEED GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND PROTOCOL FOR DETERMINING THE MOST COMPETITIVE SITE(S)

Whereas Weed and Seed is a community based multi-agency approach to law enforcement, crime prevention, and neighborhood restoration funded by the United States Department of Justice.

Whereas the goals of Weed and Seed are to control violent crime, drug trafficking, and drug-related crime in designated high crime neighborhoods, and provide a safe environment free of crime and drug use for residents after the grant ends.

Whereas the City of Sacramento received a Weed and Seed grant in 2000 from the United States Department of Justice.

Whereas the City Council of the City of Sacramento strives to improve and expand public safety, and exercise fiscal responsibility with a balanced and sustainable budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

The City Council of the City of Sacramento approves the following guiding principles and protocol for selecting the most competitive Weed and Seed site(s) to apply for grant funding.

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ATTEST:

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