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Budget and Finance Committee
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

Subject: Proposition 70 - Urban Forestry Grant Program

Summary

This report provides information on the Urban Forestry Grant available under the California Coastal and Park Land Conservation Bond Act of 1988. Further, this report recommends that City Council: 1) endorse the submittal of a grant application for the Urban Forestry program by the Sacramento Tree Foundation; 2) authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Sacramento Tree Foundation outlining the City's support and 3) approve the allocation of \$10,000 a year for the next 3 years from the Parks Division operating budget should the grant be awarded.

Background Information

The City of Sacramento Parks and Community Services Department is working with the Sacramento Tree Foundation, Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency, Sacramento County, and Sacramento "Trees for Tomorrow" campaign to obtain a competitive State Grant for tree planting.

This grant is designed to provide up to \$50,000 annually of which 95% is to be used exclusively for the purchase of trees. The trees are to be used to reforest urban areas and the grant applications will be evaluated on a criteria which includes: numbers of trees for the dollar, drought tolerance, public access, diversity of species, appropriate function, innovation, mitigation of heat islands, public involvement, tree replacement budget, maintenance tracking, and cooperative relationship with other agencies.

Grant reapplication for a total of three years is possible which could provide up to \$150,000 toward tree planting over the three year period. Despite the shortfall in maintenance capabilities for mature trees, staff advocates a continued aggressive tree planting program.

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The cooperating local agencies are proposing an education program as part of the grant application. This education component would satisfy the public involvement and cooperative relationship requirement of the grant. Additionally, tree education is a stated goal of all parties to the grant application.

The education component would be provided through a \$10,000 contribution from each of the five cooperating agencies should the grant be awarded. This \$50,000 will meet the grant's matching funds requirement. Sacramento Tree Foundation is providing \$3,155 in cash contributions and the remainder of its \$10,000+ contribution will be "in kind" administrative expense and volunteer time. The Tree Foundation will be the lead agency on the grant application and will also provide the resource material and staff time to implement the education program.

This proposed program would consist of presentation of the Sacramento Tree Foundation's "Seed to Seedling" curriculum in eight city and county schools. This encompasses approximately 210 hours per school and reaches over 4,800 students. The seedlings produced by the education program will also be planted as part of the overall reforestation effort.

As part of the grant application process, a contract will be executed between the City and the Sacramento Tree Foundation outlining the City's support and role.

Financial Data

This grant would provide the opportunity for the City to obtain approximately four hundred 15-gallon trees valued at \$15,000 to \$20,000.

The \$10,000 a year matching fund City contribution would be allocated from the Parks Division operating budget for the next three years should the grant be awarded.

Policy Considerations

The City, faced with limited funding, is presented with an opportunity to secure grant funding for tree planting. Additionally, past City Council commitments to tree care can be enhanced through agency cooperation and preservation of City tree planting capability and education efforts.

MBE/WBE Efforts

Every effort is made to support the City's MBE/WBE goals.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Budget and Finance Committee approve this report and refer it to the full City Council for action. Further, it is recommended that the City Council by resolution: 1) endorse the submittal of a grant application

by the Sacramento Tree Foundation for the Urban forestry Grant Program; and 2) authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Sacramento Tree Foundation outlining the City's support; and 3) approve the allocation of \$10,000 a year for the next three years from the Parks Division operating budget should the grant be awarded.

Respectfully submitted.

for - D. Eiling Funggi
Robert P. Thomas, Director
Parks and Community Services

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August 1, 1989
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RESOLUTION NO.

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF _____

RESOLUTION ENDORSING GRANT APPLICATION,
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE
AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SACRAMENTO TREE
FOUNDATION AND APPROVING THE ALLOCATION
OF \$10,000 A YEAR FOR GRANT MATCHING FUNDS.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

- 1) That the City Council hereby endorses the submittal of a grant application for the Urban Forestry Program by the Sacramento Tree Foundation; and
- 2) That the City Manager is authorized to execute an agreement with the Sacramento Tree Foundation outlining the City's support and role in the grant application; and
- 3) That should the grant application be awarded, the City will contribute \$10,000 a year for up to three years towards an education program and as part of the grant's matching fund requirement; and
- 4) That the above contribution will be allocated from the Parks Division Operating Budget (101-450-4590-XXXX)

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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