



## City Council Staff Report

DATE: November 20, 2013 CONSENT CALENDAR

SUBJECT: APPROVE THE APPLICATION SUBMISSION FOR HOUSING-RELATED PARKS (HRP) GRANT AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE STANDARD AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

FROM: David H. Ready, City Manager

BY: Department of Community & Economic Development

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### SUMMARY

The State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), under its Housing-Related Parks (HRP) Program. The purpose of this incentive grant program, totaling \$25 million for affordable housing starts activity during the 2013 Designated Program Year (2013 DPY), is available to eligible cities and counties who meet the minimum threshold requirements of the HRP Program Guidelines. The purpose of the HRP funds are to make capital improvements of Park and Recreation Facilities that are within a quarter mile radius of the affordable residential development which benefits the community and adds to the quality of life. The intent of these funds will be for an allowable eligible capital asset(s) at James O. Jessie Desert Highland Unity Center and Park located at 480 West Tramview Road.

### RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) Approve Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION SUBMISSION FOR HOUSING-RELATED PARKS (HRP) GRANT AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE STANDARD AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND THE CONTRACTS/ AGREEMENTS".

### STAFF ANALYSIS:

This grant, described above, is in the amount of \$149,300, and is awarded on a per-bedroom basis, calculated on the Rosa Gardens Apartments bedroom unit count. This project provides affordable rents for extremely low, very low and low income households.

The grant funds are intended to improve a Park and Recreational Facility within a quarter mile radius from the affordable residential development. The closest facility is the James O. Jessie Desert Highland Unity Center and Park.

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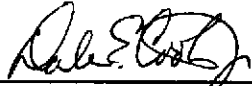
Applicants must meet four threshold criteria for participating in the Program:

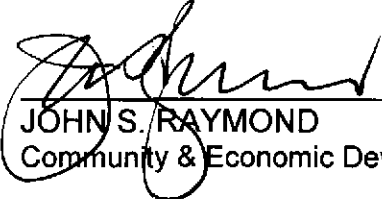
1. Housing Element Compliance;
2. Annual Progress Report (APR);
3. Eligible Units Documentation; and
4. Minimum Grant Amount of \$75,000.

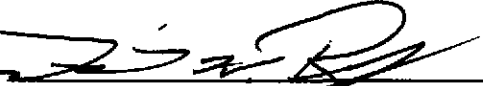
Application final filing date is January 22, 2014. The final grant award announcements are to be made no later than June 2014 and the HCD Standard Agreement process generally takes eight to ten weeks from the award. If funded, the funds must be requested by April 30, 2016 and fully expended by June 30, 2016.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There are no matching fund contributions required of the City and no direct fiscal impact to the General Fund. These dollars are the City's eligible funds from the CA Department of Housing and Community Development's Housing-Related Park (HRP) program.

  
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DAVID H. READY, Esq. Ph.D.  
City Manager

ATTACHMENT:

1. Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION SUBMISSION FOR HOUSING RELATED PARKS (HRP) GRANT AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE STANDARD AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND THE CONTRACTS/ AGREEMENTS.

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WHEREAS, the State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development (Department) has issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), dated October 2, 2013; under its Housing Related Parks (HRP) Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Palm Springs (Applicant) desires to apply for a HRP Program grant and submit the 2013 Designated Program Year (2013 DPR) Application Package released by the Department for the HRP Program; and

WHEREAS, the Department is authorized to approve funding allocations for the HRP Program, subject to the terms and conditions of the NOFA, Program Guidelines, Application Package, and Standard Agreement.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Applicant is hereby authorized and directed to apply for and submit to the Department the HRP Program Application Package, released October 2013 for the 2013 DPR. If the application is approved, the Applicant is hereby authorized and directed to enter into, execute, and deliver a State of California Standard Agreement (Standard Agreement), in a form acceptable to the City Attorney, and any and all other documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate to secure the HRP Program Grant from the Department, and all amendments thereto (collectively, the "HRP Program Grant Documents").

SECTION 2. Applicant shall be subject to the terms and conditions as specified in the Standard Agreement. Funds are to be used for allowable capital asset project expenditures to be identified in Exhibit A of the Standard Agreement. Any and all activities funded, information provided and timelines represented in the application are enforceable through the Standard Agreement. Applicant hereby agrees to use the funds for eligible capital asset(s) in the manner presented in the application as approved by the Department and in accordance with the NOFA and Program Guidelines and Application Package.

SECTION 3. That the City Manager and any designee(s) are hereby authorized to accept and execute in the name of the Applicant the HRP Program Application Package, the HRP Grant Documents as required by the Department for participation in the HRP Program, and the Contracts/Agreements, in a form acceptable to the City Attorney.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_ day of November 2013.

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David H. Ready, City Manager

ATTEST:

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James Thompson, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE ) ss.  
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS )

I, JAMES THOMPSON, City Clerk of the City of Palm Springs, hereby certify that Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ is a full, true and correct copy, and was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Palm Springs on November \_\_, 2013, by the following vote:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:

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James Thompson, City Clerk  
City of Palm Springs, California