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Agenda Report

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TO: City Council
FROM: Drew Corbett, City Manager
PREPARED BY: Public Works Department
MEETING DATE: December 05, 2022
SUBJECT:
Marina Branch Library Improvement Project – Grant Funding

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution to authorize an application for and accept funding in the amount of \$458,600 from the Building Forward Library Infrastructure Grant Program for the Marina Branch Library Improvement Project with a commitment of local matching funds in the same amount; and authorize the City Manager to execute all required documents.

BACKGROUND:

The California State Library manages the Building Forward Library Infrastructure Grant Program (Program), which provides public libraries with funding for capital improvements that address critical maintenance, sustainability and energy efficiency, and digital and physical projects that expand access. The Program is the State of California's largest single investment for the public library system. In 2021, the California Legislature provided \$439 million in one-time funds (Senate Bill 129) for the Program and an additional \$50 million were provided in 2022 (Assembly Bill 179).

Earlier this year, staff identified critical maintenance needs at the Marina Branch Library. The Marina Branch Library is located at 1530 Susan Court and has served the community since 1966. Situated on the west embankment of Seal Slough, the building has experienced differential settlement on the order of five inches and currently leans towards the waterway. As a result, the floor slopes up to 7% on the interior and has created an unsafe environment for both patrons and staff.

To address the critical issues, staff developed the Marina Branch Library Improvement Project (Project) to restore the sloping floors to near-level conditions. Preliminary geotechnical and structural investigations indicate that the settlement has occurred due to consolidation of the bay mud soils for the one-story library building. The finding indicates that 40-foot-deep concrete-filled steel tube micropiles will be required to re-level the floors. Additional improvements are also needed to comply with American with Disabilities Act requirements. City staff subsequently applied for \$1,750,000 in grant funding from the Program to fund the Project. The City was recently notified of a grant award in the amount of \$458,600 from the Program pending final application documentation and adoption of a required resolution by the City.

The proposed Project is critical to ensure that the conditions at the Marina Branch Library are addressed. Staff plans to issue a request for proposals for the development of the design at the beginning of next year. The intent is to complete the design, assess the costs, and begin construction in 2024.

BUDGET IMPACT:

The design and construction costs for the Marina Library Structural Improvements Project are estimated at \$5,000,000. Staff applied for \$1,750,000 in grant funding through the Program and Council approved \$1,750,000 in general funds required for the 1:1 matching funding, appropriated through the fiscal year 2022-23 budget process. The City was notified of a Program grant award in the amount of \$458,600 for the Project, pending final application documentation and a

resolution. Additional funding of \$1,300,000 has been awarded through the California budget surplus, as well as a pending \$1,500,000 from an earmark in the federal budget. Should the federal budget earmark not come to fruition, staff will identify additional sources of funding during the design effort.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

This application for grant funding and acceptance of grant funds is not a project subject to CEQA, because it is an organizational or administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5).)

NOTICE PROVIDED

All meeting noticing requirements were met.

ATTACHMENTS

Att 1 - Proposed Resolution

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