

REPORT

**To the Honorable Mayor and City Council
And the Redevelopment Agency Board
From the City Manager and the Redevelopment Manager**

October 25, 2004

Subject

Resolutions authorizing application for a California Cultural and Historic Endowment (CCHE) grant in the amount of \$2,076,799 and authorizing, if required, matching Redevelopment Agency funds for facade reconstruction of the historic San Mateo County Courthouse.

Recommendations

That the City Council adopt a resolution which authorizes the City Manager's application for a California Cultural and Historic Endowment grant in the amount of \$2,076,799 to partially fund facade reconstruction of the historic San Mateo County Courthouse. This resolution requests the Redwood City Redevelopment Agency contribute, if necessary, matching funds and designates the City Manager or agent as the responsible party for negotiating, executing, accepting, and appropriating all CCHE grant related items.

It is further recommended that the Redevelopment Agency Board adopt a resolution which authorizes, if required, funds not to exceed \$2,076,799 to match the California Cultural and Historic Endowment grant for the facade reconstruction of the historic San Mateo County Courthouse.

Background

The City submitted a grant application on September 30, 2004 to the California Cultural and Historical Endowment (CCHE), a state agency established in 2002. The application requests a grant of approximately \$2.08M to partially fund the reconstruction of the historic San Mateo Courthouse facade. The CCHE requires all grant participants to submit final and approved resolution(s) from their governing board by November 1, 2004. The resolution(s) acknowledges that the grant applicant is applying for CCHE funding and that the applicant's governing board will be obligated to fully support and assume responsibility for project implementation.

One of the main goals of CCHE is to create a competitive grant program for the purpose of sharing narrative events that relate California's culture and history. Funding priority will be given to projects that include, but are not limited to, preserving,

interpreting, and enhancing the understanding and appreciation of significant elements that add to the State's cultural, social, and economic evolution.

The CCHE program provides grants for individual projects in amounts ranging from \$25K to \$5M. All CCHE grants require one for one matching funding. Funds cannot be used to pay for operations and maintenance costs, ceremonial expenses, or promotional materials. Up to \$35M of the \$122M available may be distributed during this funding cycle per the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 40).

Fiscal Impact


Up to \$2.08M in grant funds could be awarded to Redwood City to partially fund the Historic Courthouse facade reconstruction. The source of the matching funds will be the City or the Redwood City Redevelopment Agency in some combination yet to be determined. If CCHE grant funds are awarded, this item will be returned to Council and Agency for final determination of matching funds.

Alternatives

Rescind the City of Redwood City grant application to the California Cultural and Historic Endowment for the historic Courthouse facade reconstruction project.

Conclusion

Staff recommends that the Council and the Agency Board approve the attached resolutions.


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Attachments

1. Proposed resolution of the City Council of the City of Redwood City
2. Proposed resolution of the Redwood City Redevelopment Agency

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS/HER DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A CALIFORNIA CULTURAL AND HISTORIC ENDOWMENT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,076,799 FOR PARTIAL FUNDING OF FACADE RESTORATION OF THE HISTORIC SAN MATEO COUNTY COURTHOUSE; REQUESTING THAT, IF REQUIRED, THE REDWOOD CITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY CONTRIBUTE MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE FACADE RESTORATION PROJECT AND APPOINTING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS/HER DESIGNEE AS AGENT TO CONDUCT ALL NEGOTIATIONS, TO EXECUTE ALL GRANT-RELATED DOCUMENTS AND TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE ANY GRANT FUNDS RECEIVED

WHEREAS, the people of the State of California have enacted the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 (the "Act") which, among other things, provides funds to the California Cultural and Historical Endowment (CCHE) Grant Program and;

WHEREAS, the CCHE has been delegated the responsibility for the administration and establishment of the CCHE Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redwood City ("City") desires to reconstruct the original classical entrance facade of the 1910 Historic Courthouse (the "Project"), which is located in Downtown Redwood City and is part of the Downtown Redevelopment Project Area ("Project Area"); and

WHEREAS, the City is the lead Project sponsor; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to apply for a \$2,076,799 CCHE Grant; and

WHEREAS, CCHE Grant Program procedures require the City to certify, by resolution, the approval of an application before submitting it to the CCHE; and

WHEREAS, if the City is awarded a CCHE grant, the City will enter into a Grant Agreement with the CCHE for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to entering into a separate agreement with the appropriate parties regarding the operation and maintenance of the Project site; and

WHEREAS, the CCHE requires the City to identify \$2,076,799 in matching funds (the "local match") prior to distribution of the CCHE Grant; and

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WHEREAS, the Project will benefit the City and the Project Area by assisting to revitalize the downtown core by enhancing the aesthetic, cultural, historic and functional appeal of the Project Area for property owners, residents, visitors, and developers; and

WHEREAS, the Project is one phase of a wider redevelopment effort to create a livable, high-density and pedestrian-friendly downtown for the City; and

WHEREAS, if City funds cannot be identified, the use of Agency funds as a match for the CCHE Grant will assist in the elimination of blight and is consistent with the implementation plan adopted for the Project Area; and

WHEREAS, at this time no other reasonable means of financing the local match for the Project is available to the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Redwood City that:

1. The City's CCHE Grant application for the Project is hereby certified as approved:
2. The City requests that, if required, the Agency contribute up to \$2,076,799 for the local match for the Project:
3. The City has reviewed the outline of the General Provisions of the CCHE Grant Agreement.
4. The City Manager or his/her designee is appointed as agent of the City to conduct all negotiations with CCHE related to this Grant application; to identify alternative funding sources for the local match; to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests; and to take related actions, including accepting and appropriating any Grant funds received to the Project account, in conformance with this Resolution and its basic purposes.
5. The City Manager or his/her designee is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the CCHE.

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RESOLUTION NO. RD-_____

RESOLUTION OF THE REDWOOD CITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AUTHORIZING, IF REQUIRED, MATCHING FUNDING OF UP TO \$2,076,799 FOR A CALIFORNIA CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL ENDOWMENT GRANT FOR THE FACADE RESTORATION OF THE SAN MATEO COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE; AND TO APPOINT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR HIS DESIGNEE AS AGENT FOR THE AGENCY TO TAKE NECESSARY ACTION RELATED TO THE PROGRAMMING OF FUNDS AND PAYMENT REQUESTS IN CONFORMANCE WITH THIS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Redwood City ("City") is submitting an application to the California Cultural and Historical Endowment (CCHE) Grant Program through the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 (the "Act") to partially fund a \$4.15 million restoration of the original classical facade of the 1910 Historic Courthouse (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, prior to the distribution of a CCHE grant, the CCHE requires the City to identify matching funds of \$2,076,799 (the local match) prior to receiving the CCHE Grant; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution, the City has requested that the Redwood City Redevelopment Agency ("Agency") contribute, if required, matching funds for the CCHE grant; and

WHEREAS, the Agency is a public entity organized in accordance with the Community Redevelopment Law as contained in California Health and Safety Code sections 33000, et seq. and pursuant thereto, the Agency is authorized to undertake and support projects within designated areas of the City of Redwood City which foster the elimination of blighted conditions and encourage the economic well-being of such areas; and

WHEREAS, the Project is within the boundaries of the Downtown Redevelopment Project Area (the "Project Area") and its development will contribute to the Agency's goals and objectives for the Project Area; and

WHEREAS, the Project will be of benefit to the Project Area and the immediate neighborhood in which the Project is located by creating a public space for civic, cultural and community activities to compliment the wider redevelopment effort to create a livable, higher-density and pedestrian-friendly downtown for the City; and

WHEREAS, the Project will restore the Courthouse to its original 1910 architecture which creates an environment reflecting a high level of concern for architecture, landscape, and urban design appropriate for the Project Area; and

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WHEREAS, the Project will assist in the elimination of blighting conditions inside the Downtown Redevelopment Project Area by rehabilitating a historic landmark building in the core of the downtown; and

WHEREAS, if a contribution to the local match is requested by the City, the Agency agrees to provide sufficient funds; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Redwood City that:

1. The Agency finds and determines that the Project will benefit the Project Area by:
 - (a) Assisting to revitalize the downtown core with the restoration of the Historic Courthouse by enhancing the aesthetic, cultural, historic, and functional appeal of the Project Area for property owners, residents, visitors, and developers;
 - (b) Assisting to create a public space for civic, cultural and community activities to compliment the wider redevelopment effort to create a livable, higher-density and pedestrian-friendly downtown for the City;
 - (c) Eliminating blight in public areas of the Project Area by rehabilitating a historic landmark building in the core of downtown;
 - (d) Eliminating environmental deficiencies, including substandard public improvements and facilities by rehabilitating a monumental entrance porch leading to the existing County History Museum entrance and the new public town square; and
 - (e) Achieving an environment reflecting a high level of concern for appropriate architecture.
2. The Agency finds and determines that the Project is consistent with the implementation plan adopted for the Project Area.
3. The Agency Executive Director or his/her designee is appointed as agent of the Agency to take whatever action is necessary with respect to this programming of funds, and payment requests, in conformance with this Resolution and its basic purposes.
4. The Agency Executive Director or his/her designee is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the CCHE.

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