

REPORT

**To the Honorable Mayor and City Council
From the Library Director**

May 19, 2008

SUBJECT

Application for and acceptance of a \$150,000 grant from the California State Coastal Conservancy (Conservancy) for the Redwood Shores Community Library Interpretive Center.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve, by resolution, this application and acceptance for grant funds from the Conservancy, authorize the Library Director to accept the grant funds and authorize the Library Director or his designee to execute in the name of the City of Redwood City all necessary contracts, agreements, amendments and payment requests hereto for the purposes of implementing the project specified in the grant application.

BACKGROUND

The Interpretive Center will celebrate the natural history of the southern San Francisco Bay through a series of interconnected hands-on exhibits. Families, teachers and even the casual library customer will have an engaging learning experience with every visit. The 540 square foot Interpretive Center design highlights aspects of three natural habitats of the southern San Francisco Bay: *Life in the Mud*, *Life in the Water* and *Life in the Air*. Each habitat is interpreted through hands-on educational exhibits with explanatory graphic rails and panels focused on resident species and explaining biological concepts such as food webs, camouflage and physical adaptations. Customized illustrations, photos and themes are being developed using information provided and validated by local educators and scientists. All Interpretive Center features are intended to provide education and activities for people of all ages and abilities.

On April 24, 2008 The California State Coastal Conservancy approved a \$150,000 grant award for the Redwood Shores Community Library Interpretive Center. The California State Coastal Conservancy requires Council approval by resolution, of the grant application and acceptance of the grant award. Grant funds will provide funding for nearly half the cost of the Interpretive Center.

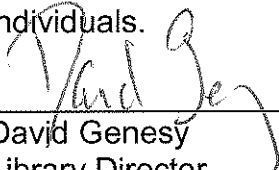
The Redwood Shores Community Library is now under construction. Final design and fabrication of the Interpretive Center will be undertaken immediately to enable the facility to be complete by opening day in September 2008.

ALTERNATIVES

Council may choose not to approve the grant application and acceptance, and consequently becomes ineligible to receive the grant award.

FISCAL IMPACT

Approximate cost of the Redwood Shores Community Library Interpretive Center is \$292,000. Additional funds are being sought from corporations, foundations and individuals.



David Genesy
Library Director



Peter Ingram
Interim City Manager

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR \$150,000 TO THE CALIFORNIA STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY FOR THE REDWOOD SHORES COMMUNITY LIBRARY INTERPRETIVE CENTER, APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS, AND AUTHORIZING THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE IN THE NAME OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY ALL NECESSARY CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, AMENDMENTS AND PAYMENTS REQUESTS HERETO FOR THE PURPOSES OF IMPLEMENTING THE PROJECT SPECIFIED IN THE GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of California has established the State Coastal Conservancy (“Conservancy”) under Division 21 of the California Public Resources Code, and has authorized the Conservancy to award grants to public agencies and nonprofit organizations to implement the provisions of Division 21; and

WHEREAS, the Conservancy awards grants for projects that it determines are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code and with the Conservancy’s Strategic Plan and that best achieve the Conservancy’s statutory objectives, in light of limited funding; and

WHEREAS, the Redwood City Public Library wants to undertake the implementation of the Redwood Shores Community Library Interpretive Center (the “Interpretive Center”); and

WHEREAS, the Conservancy approved full grant funding at its April 24, 2008 Board of Directors meeting; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the Conservancy require the applicant's governing body to authorize the filing of the application and to authorize one or more persons to act in connection with the application and to provide additional information that may be required by the Conservancy; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the Conservancy require the grantee to certify by resolution the acceptance of such grant agreement and its terms and conditions of said agreement to the State.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY, AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the City Council hereby approves the filing of a grant application for \$150,000 from the Conservancy for the Interpretive Center.

2. That the City Council hereby approves the acceptance of a grant award in the amount of \$150,000 from the California State Coastal Conservancy for the Interpretive Center.

3. That the Library Director or his designee is authorized to negotiate and execute all necessary contractual documents, payment requests, and to otherwise take any necessary action in connection with the grant application.

4. That the City of Redwood City ("City") agrees to the conditions set forth in the List of Assurances, attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by this reference.

5. That the City has or will have sufficient funds to meet the City's share of the cost to complete the Interpretive Center and, following completion, to operate and maintain the Interpretive Center facilities.

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EXHIBIT A

List of Assurances

The applicant is applying for a grant of funds from the California State Coastal Conservancy with respect to a proposed project. The applicant hereby assures and certifies that it will comply with Conservancy regulations, policies, and requirements as they relate to the acceptance and use of Conservancy funds for this project. The applicant further gives assurance and certifies with respect to the proposed grant that:

1. It possesses legal authority to apply for the grant, and to finance and construct any proposed facilities; that, where appropriate, a resolution, motion, or similar action has been duly adopted or passed as an official act of the applicant's governing body, authorizing the filing of an application, and authorizing one or more persons as the official representative(s) of the applicant to act in connection with the application and to provide additional information that may be required.
2. It will have sufficient funds available to meet its own share of the cost for the project that has been proposed for grant funding. Sufficient funds will also be available when the project is completed to assure the effective operation and maintenance of any facilities for the purposes constructed.
3. It holds or will hold sufficient title, interest, or rights in the property on which the project will occur to enable it to undertake lawful development and construction of the project. (Documentation may be requested by the Executive Officer of the Conservancy.)
4. It will not dispose of or encumber its title, interest, or other rights in the site and facilities, except as permitted by the Conservancy.
5. It will give the Conservancy, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the Conservancy's grant.
6. It will cause work on the project to be commenced within a reasonable time after receipt of notification from the Conservancy that funds have been approved, and the project will be carried to completion with reasonable diligence.
7. It will, where appropriate, comply with the requirements of the State Government Code 7260 et seq., which provides for equitable treatment and relocation assistance for persons displaced by eminent domain.
8. It will, where appropriate, comply with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
9. It will comply with all requirements imposed by the Conservancy concerning special provisions of law, and program requirements.