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Prepared By: Ernest Whitaker

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Agenda Item No. I-7

Reviewed By: City Manager *[Signature]*

Holmberg
City Attorney

Finance *SW*

Other (Specify) *PW*

[Signature]

DATE: March 2, 2007

TO: City Council

FROM: Sal Gonzalez, Housing Director
Housing Department *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: Workforce Housing Reward Grant Application

RECOMMENDATION

That City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager (1) execute and submit an application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for a Workforce Housing Grant; (2) execute the Standard Agreement, and any other documents necessary and appropriate to pursue the grant application and obtain grant funds; and (3) prepare a special budget appropriation for the City Manager to execute upon receipt of the grant award.

DISCUSSION

An application package was released by HCD in December 2006 for the \$23 million 2006 Workforce Housing Reward Grant (WFH) Program.

The WFH Program rewards cities and counties that approve housing affordable to lower income households. The program is funded through the Proposition 46 bond initiative of 2002. The WFH Program does not use a competitive process to award funds; all cities and counties which meet the eligibility requirements will be funded.

The grant funds do not go to housing activities but to public works and parks type of activities. The specific use of the funds must be listed in the application. Eligible activities could include traffic improvements, water and sewer upgrades, neighborhood parks, libraries, community centers, and police and fire stations.

The Oxnard application will be based upon the eligibility of the several projects that pulled building permits in 2006, including Villa Victoria, Hacienda Guadalupe, RiverPark homebuilders, and Habitat. The grant application must be received in the HCD Sacramento office no later than March 21, 2007.

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FINANCIAL IMPACT

The estimated grant may be up to \$450,000, depending upon the number of cities competing for the funds. The Oxnard funds will be used toward maintenance storage facilities at the Victoria Lakes Golf Course. When an award letter and agreement are received from HCD, probably by November, staff will prepare a special budget appropriation for the City Manager's signature.

(EW/em)

Attachment #1 - Resolution

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CITY COUNCIL OF CITY OF OXNARD

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR WORKFORCE HOUSING REWARD GRANT, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A STANDARD AGREEMENT AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO SECURE A WORKFORCE HOUSING REWARD GRANT (WFH GRANT) FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT).

WHEREAS, the State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development (the "Department") has issued a Notice of Funding Availability dated May, 2006, (the "NOFA"), under its Workforce Housing Reward (WFH) Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oxnard ("Applicant") desires to apply for a WFH grant and submit the Application Package, and Standard Agreement; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD RESOLVES:

1. Applicant is hereby authorized and directed to apply for and submit to the Department the WFH application Package released December 2006 by the Department for the 2006 Program Year. If the application is approved, Applicant is hereby authorized and directed to enter into, execute, and deliver a State of California Standard Agreement (the "Standard Agreement"), and any and all other documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate to secure a WFH Grant from the Department, and all amendments thereto (collectively, the "WFH Grant Documents").
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. The application in full is incorporated as part 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 HOFA and Program Guidelines and Application Package.
3. The City Manager and/or his designee are authorized to execute in the name of Applicant the Application Package and the WFH Grant Documents as required by the Department for participation in the WFH Program.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS ____ day of March, 2007, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

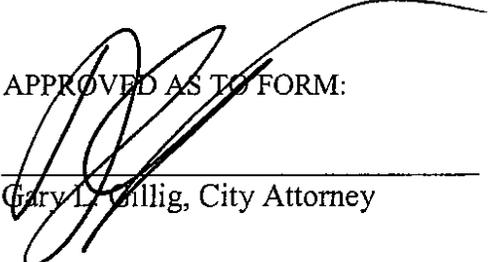
ABSENT:

Dr. Thomas E. Holden, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Daniel Martinez, City Clerk



Gary L. Gillig, City Attorney

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