

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 02-319

DATE: September 4, 2002

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$174,500 FOR A LEAD ABATEMENT AND PAINTING PROJECT AT CIVIL WAR DRUM BARRACKS MUSEUM

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Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Accept funds in the amount of \$174,500 from the State of California for exterior lead abatement and repainting of the exterior of the Drum Barracks Civil War Museum (Drum Barracks), in Wilmington; and,
2. Authorize the General Manager to submit the contract to the Mayor, the Council, and the Arts, Health and Humanities Committee in accordance with provisions of Executive Directive No. 26.
3. Authorize the General Manager to execute the attached contract upon Council and Mayoral approval.

SUMMARY

The Drum Barracks structure and land are owned by the State and the museum has been operated by the Department since 1974, under an agreement with the State. This site, built in 1862, served as the junior officers quarters, and is one of twenty-two buildings that originally comprised the Drum Barracks. Its historical significance is noted by its listing on the National Register of Historic Places, and designation as a State Historic Monument and as a Los Angeles Cultural Heritage Monument.

The structure was renovated by the city in 1976, but the issue of lead abatement was not addressed. The exterior paint has greatly deteriorated and lead abatement is an immediate necessity. On February 18, 2001 staff submitted an application to the State for grant funds for lead abatement and restoration work on the exterior of the Drum Barracks, under the Local Assistance Grant Program under the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000.

The State has allocated funds for a project which will include abatement of lead-based paint on the exterior of the building, bleaching of wood surfaces to prevent mold and mildew, renovation and repainting of the exterior surfaces, as well as rewiring and installation of new exterior security lighting. The project performance period, pursuant to the grant, is from July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2009. It is anticipated that this project will commence upon necessary City and Departmental approvals.

This grant project will compliment a Prop K Specified project in the amount of \$500,000. The Prop K project is also for lead paint abatement and facility refurbishment. The Prop K project is currently scheduled to be completed after this grant funded project completes the removal of the exterior lead paint from the walls. The Prop K project scope will accomplish the lead paint removal from the doors and windows. Any funds remaining in the Prop K project will be directed to completion of refurbishment of the building itself.

Environmental staff has determined that the subject project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article VII, Section 1, Class 1(1) and Class 31 of the City CEQA Guidelines.

It is requested that the Board authorize the General Manager to execute the attached contract, in the amount of \$174,500 upon Mayoral and Council approval. Acceptance of this grant will not have a fiscal impact to the City or Department. The grant does not impose a matching fund obligation and there are no other anticipated expenditures as a result of the project.

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