



Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Cohen and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Geoff Dolan, City Manager

FROM: Bruce Moe, Finance Director
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DATE: November 17, 2009

SUBJECT: Update on City Applications for Grant Funds and Federal Stimulus Money

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council receive and file this report on the City's efforts to obtain grants and American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA, or "stimulus") funds.

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

There are no fiscal implications associated with the recommended action. However, the receipt of grant funds allows us to construct projects, purchase equipment and provide services that may otherwise be funded by the General Fund or other existing sources, if at all.

In addition to the various grants the City has applied for and/or received, the City has applied for \$2,467,815 and has been awarded \$1,454,678 in stimulus (ARRA) funds.

DISCUSSION:

The City constantly seeks grant opportunities to fund programs, equipment and capital improvements. More recently, we have applied for stimulus funds for a number of projects and purposes, and have already been awarded funds. This report includes highlights of grants and stimulus funds that have been received as well as others for which applications are pending. It is presented by the general purpose of the funding.

Transportation*Sepulveda Bridge Widening*

This project, which will add on extra lane to the Sepulveda bridge (just south of Rosecrans) to ease traffic constrictions has an estimated cost of \$17.3 million. So far, we have secured \$6.8 million through the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), and have applied for another \$11.5 million through the Congresswoman Harman and Senator Boxer's offices as part of the "Safe Accountable Flexible Efficient Transportation Equity Act - A Legacy for Users" (SAFETEA-LU) Act.

Aviation Boulevard Resurfacing

This stimulus funded project, which Council approved at the November 3, 2009 meeting, includes milling the existing asphalt roadway surface and construction of a new asphalt overlay on Aviation Blvd. from Marine Avenue to Manhattan Beach Blvd. The project also includes striping/traffic markings, traffic signal detection loops, and minor concrete construction. Since Aviation Boulevard has a functional classification as a major arterial street it is eligible for this federal funding. The total stimulus funds awarded for this project is \$364,000, while the estimated expenditures are \$216,475. The remaining balance (\$147,524) will be combined with the surplus stimulus funds from the Valley Drive project (described below) to possibly resurface Pacific Avenue from Manhattan Beach Blvd. to Rosecrans, pending MTA, CalTrans and City Council approval for this reallocation.

Valley Drive Resurfacing

Like Aviation, this stimulus funded project includes milling of the existing asphalt roadway surface and construction of a new asphalt overlay on Valley Drive from 15th Street to Sepulveda Blvd.. The project also includes full roadway reconstruction of significantly deteriorated areas, striping/traffic markings, traffic signal loops, and minor concrete construction. Since Valley Drive has a functional classification as a collector street it is eligible for federal funding. The total stimulus funds awarded for this project is \$710,000, while the estimated expenditures are \$566,188. The remaining balance (\$143,812) will be combined with the surplus stimulus funds from the Aviation Drive project (described above) to possibly resurface Pacific Avenue from Manhattan Beach Blvd. to Rosecrans, pending MTA, CalTrans and City Council approval for this reallocation.

Rosecrans Avenue Widening

This project will add one eastbound lane of traffic on Rosecrans from Redondo Avenue to the Manhattan Gateway shopping center, easing traffic flow. This project is pending utility easement negotiations with affected property owners. The total funds awarded for this project is \$1.75 million through the MTA.

Strand Stairs

While the Strand rehabilitation project was completed a few years ago, the stairs were not part of the scope of that project. This project will improve pedestrian walkways and stairs leading to the beach from the Strand. The City applied for SAFETEA-LU funds through Senator Boxer's office, and were awarded \$1.6 million for this project. The grant does require a 20% match from the City.

Safe Routes to School

Safe Routes to School, a CalTrans program, is designed to increase the number of children who walk or bicycle to school by funding projects that remove the barriers that currently prevent them from doing so. Those barriers include lack of or unsafe infrastructure, and lack of programs that promote walking and bicycling through education/encouragement programs. The City's grant, which totals \$735,930, will allow us to install florescent yellow school signs, high visibility crosswalks and markings, pedestrian signals near schools, and 80 countdown pedestrian signals.

Energy & Environment

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant

This grant, which is part of the federal stimulus funding, will be used to replace existing energy inefficient street lights with energy efficient induction lighting. The total grant is \$155,800, and the project will commence in the first quarter of 2010. The lighting will be for street lights, parking area lighting and security lighting.

Law Enforcement & Public Safety

Ed Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Formula Grant

This grant, totaling \$24,878 in stimulus funds, will be used to purchase equipment and technology to enhance capabilities for investigators. The equipment will enhance DUI enforcement and traffic safety equipment needs, as well as officer safety equipment.

Emergency Command Vehicle

Through the generosity of the Manhattan Beach Property Owners' Association, the City has received a grant of \$203,609 for the purchase of an emergency command vehicle. This piece of equipment will allow us to operate a mobile command post for any emergency, including those involving Police, Fire or Public Works. Additionally, the Higgins Family Charitable Foundation has provided grant funding for \$26,500 in order to purchase emergency radios and a smart board for the command vehicle. We expect to take delivery of this in early 2010.

Other law enforcement grant opportunities we have applied for include funding for a dedicated IT staff person to assist and support the Police department with all department technology, equipment and network support needs (\$218,229); a shared grant with Gardena and Redondo Beach that would pay for a DNA criminalist to work out of the LA County Sheriff's crime lab for the benefit of Manhattan Beach, Gardena and Redondo Beach (\$330,302); funding for one police officer (for 3 years with a total cost of \$372,336); and grant funding to pay for overtime for narcotics investigations to assist in combating criminal narcotics in the City (\$92,270). These applications are pending approval and funding.

Attached for your information and review is a complete list of all grant funding currently being pursued or in progress. The attached grant schedule is inclusive of the ARRA grant funding described above.

Staff will continue to provide City Council with periodic updates on grant opportunities.

Attachments: A. City Wide Schedule of Grant Funding (Including Federal Stimulus Funding)

**City of Manhattan Beach
City Wide Schedule of Grant Funding
As of 9-30-2009**

Dept	Status	Grant Title	Grantor/Agency	Amount Awarded	Comment
Mgmt Svcs/ Public Wks	In Progress	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant	National Energy Technology Lab: DOE (ARRA)	\$ 155,800	Awarded on 9/11/2009. Awaiting receipt of funds.
				\$ 155,800	
Park & Rec	In Progress	Prop A Mini Call Transit Operator Vehicle Replacement Projects	L.A. County MTA	\$ 41,250	Dial-A-Ride Vehicle Replacement Project. City will be reimbursed for up to \$41,250.
Park & Rec	In Progress	Grant Program	L.A. County MTA	\$ 14,131	Grant manager will advise when closed.
Park & Rec	In Progress	Youth at Risk	Space	\$ 46,620	Funds received 7/15/2009.
				\$ 102,001	
Police	In Progress	Bulletproof Vest Partnership - 2008	Bureau of Justice	\$ 4,276	Application in June 2009, awarded in August 2009
Police	In Progress	Bulletproof Vest Partnership - 2008	Bureau of Justice	\$ 2,801	
Police	In Progress	SLES - 2008	Dept of Justice	\$ 100,000	
Police	In Progress	Alcohol Beverage Control - 2008	State of California	\$ 85,000	Shared w/ Redondo & Hermosa: reimbursed monthly.
Police	In Progress	Buffer Zone Protection Progm - 2007	County of Los Angeles	\$ 44,345	
Police	In Progress	State Homeland Security - 2007	County of Los Angeles	\$ 28,411	
Police	In Progress	State Homeland Security - 2008	County of Los Angeles	\$ 10,579	Approved 3/11/09 - "Conditional Hold" removed.
Police	In Progress	Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Formula Grant	ARRA	\$ 24,878	Anticipated receipt of agreement package in October. Disbursement of funds end of October or early November.
Police	In Progress	COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP)	ARRA	\$ -	
Police	Application	Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Competitive Grant	ARRA	\$ -	
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Police	Application	SLES - Combating Criminal Narcotics Activity Competitive Grant	ARRA	\$ -	\$92,270: (24-month grant) for OT up to 1,200 hours. Application due to US Dept of Justice on 4/17/09. Amount increased from \$87,768.
Police	In Progress	MB Property Owners Association	MB Property Owners Assn	\$ 203,609	For the new command vehicle
Police	In Progress	Higgins Family Charitable Foundation	Higgins Family Charitable Fdn	\$ 26,500	For the emergency radios and Smartboard for the command vehicle
				\$ 530,399	
Fire	In Progress	SCBA	Program	\$ 50,661	Request for reimbursement dated 9/16/2009

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20	In Progress	SCBA	Program	\$ 106,951	
				\$ 157,612	
21	In Progress	Used Oil Block Grant, Cycle 13	Calif. Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB)	\$ 9,522	Per capita distribution of funds for promotion of used oil recycling & purchase of debris screens for storm drains. Funds are reimbursed to City with approved payment request.
22	In Progress	Multi-Family Dwelling Beverage Container Recycling Grant	Dept of Conservation	\$ 54,550	Funds for the development of MFD recycling programs. Temporary "Stop Work" Notice received from DOC per provisions of grant agreement until further notice. Payments will be deferred for invoices received after 4/6/09.
23	In Progress	City/County Payment Program	Dept of Conservation	\$ 9,594	Per capita distribution used for purchases related to recycling and litter abatement such as city desk side recycling bins.
24	In Progress	Prop 50 Santa Monica Bay Restoration Grant Program Preamble: Beach Parking Lots	State Water Resource Control Board	\$ 900,000	Final report has been approved. \$90k retention received on 9/25/09
25	Pending Approval	Santa Monica Bay Prop 84 Grant Prog	State Water Resource Control Board	\$ -	Grant submitted - pending approval - Finance awaiting grant approval notice.
26	In Progress	Used Oil Block Grant, Cycle 14	Calif. Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB)	\$ 9,368	Per capita distribution of funds for promotion of used oil recycling & purchase of debris screens for storm drains. Partial reimbursement request submitted August 2009, pending.
27	In Progress	City/County Payment Program	Dept of Conservation	\$ 9,479	Per capita distribution used for purchases related to recycling and litter abatement. Payment usually received in August; payment on hold per Governor; likely reduction in funding due to state budget crisis.
28	Pending	Used Oil Block Grant, Cycle 15	Calif. Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB)	unknown at this time	Application submitted. Per capita distribution of funds for promotion of used oil recycling & purchase of debris screens for storm drains. Award letters not yet distributed, likely reduction in funding due to State budget crisis.
29	In Progress	Aviation Boulevard Resurfacing	ARRA	\$ 464,000	Grant Agreement to be executed in September 2009. Construction in Nov/Dec 2009.
30	In Progress	Valley Drive Resurfacing	ARRA	\$ 610,000	Grant Agreement to be executed in September 2009. Construction in Nov/Dec. Grant Manager will submit request for reimbursement.
31	In Progress	State-Legislated Safe Rout to School (SR2S) Program-Cycle 8 FY 2008-09	Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Program	\$ 735,930	Award announced 7/31/09. Staff is preparing submittals to secure State authorizations needed to proceed to construction
32	In Progress	Sepulveda Bridge Widening	2009 MTA Call for Projects	\$ 6,813,325	MTA will formally adopted award list on Sep. 24, 2009

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33	Pending	Sepulveda Bridge Widening	Federal appropriation request - Safetee-Lu Reauthorization - HARMAN	\$ -	Grant amount = \$5,000,000. Notification of appropriation pending
34	Pending	Sepulveda Bridge Widening	Federal appropriation request - Safetee-Lu Reauthorization - BOXER	\$ -	Grant amount = \$5,000,000. Notification of appropriation pending
35	Pending	Sepulveda Bridge Widening	Federal appropriation request - Safetee-Lu Earmark	\$ -	Grant amount earmarked - \$500,000 with 20% match.
36	Pending	Sepulveda Bridge Widening	Federal appropriation request - HARMAN	\$ -	Grant amount = \$500,000. Notification of appropriation pending
37	Pending	Sepulveda Bridge Widening	Federal appropriation request - BOXER	\$ -	Grant amount = \$500,000. Notification of appropriation pending
38	Pending	Strand Stairs Project	Safetee-Lu	\$ 1,600,000	Project will improve pedestrian walkways and stairs leading to the beach from the Strand. Requires 20% match.
39	In Progress	LED Traffic Signal Retrofit	ARRA (through LA County)	\$ 200,000	Los Angeles County applied for and received stimulus funds to replace all incandescent traffic signal heads in County in incorporated and contract cities including Manhattan Beach. No financial awards will be made to Manhattan Beach however traffic signals within the City will be retrofitted. Estimated cost is \$200,000.
40	In Progress	Rosecrans Avenue Widening	MTA Call for Projects	\$ 1,745,000	Project delayed pending utility easement negotiations with property owners. Lasing date delayed until 06/30/2010.
				\$ 13,160,768	
				\$ 14,106,580	