

AGENDA DATE: May 23, 2006



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AGENDA ITEM - REVISED

ITEM NO. _____
District 3

SUBJECT:

Tulare County Historical Society's (TCHS) and California Cultural and Historical Endowment (CCHE) Grant.

REQUEST(S):

1. Support the TCHS Grant Application for the History of Farm Labor and Agriculture project to be funded from the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2004;
2. Approve in principle the 20 year lease of space to TCHS for the museum expansion and provision of operations and maintenance of the facility by the County subject to County Counsel approval; and
3. Reserve funds for the project, Chief Deputy CAO for finance will work to identify appropriate finance for project.
4. Declare project categorically exempt from CEQA per Section 15303.

SUMMARY:

On January 31, 2006 the TCHS applied for CCHE grant of \$1,451,870 to build a 10,000 square foot addition of the "History of Farm Labor and Agriculture Museum" for the Tulare County Museum in Mooney Grove Park. The new project will be constructed on a 3.5-acre plot that was designated for the museum grounds by your Board on September 16, 1997, resolution number 97-0811. The grant would fund the building including ADA accessible restrooms, ADA accessible walkways, and put up fencing to secure the addition.

The TCHS was notified on May 9, 2006 that the CCHE Board has decided to reserve funding in the amount of \$1,451,870 for the project, pending staff review and submittal of additional details.

On October 26, 2004, your Board authorized a CCHE grant application for this addition, but we were not awarded a grant. The CCHE Board made substantial changes to the grant match requirements in this year's grant application. If the County applied again we would be required to provide a 50% match that would not include any in-kind labor or equipment as part of that match. These matching requirements resulted in the project being too costly if the County did it with the grant.

Changes in the CCHE grant program made it possible for the TCHS to apply and be more competitive. The TCHS is a nonprofit 501c3 and has an annual operating budget of under \$500,000 per year and was able to request a reduction in match (from \$762,560 to \$73,250) for the CCHE grant. All the in-kind work done by County employees or equipment also counts as match for the TCHS project. County in-kind match is estimated to be \$43,250 utilizing existing staff and equipment.

To proceed with the project, a Memorandum of Understanding will be entered into with the TCHS and the County, leasing the 3.5 acres to TCHE. The County will be providing operation and maintenance of the facility for the 20 years required by the grant at which time the improvements will revert back to the County. If the County built the project using the grant on County property the addition would have to be maintained in perpetuity.

The building currently proposed is a Butler Steel Building. Butler is a local Steel Building Manufacturer that is on the United States General Services Administration Contract that we anticipate using, allowing us to piggy-back on the federal bid and gets the best price and expedite the project. Construction by a local contractor that is certified by Butler will be used for installation.

FINANCING:

The CCHE grant is a reimbursable grant. Upon completion of each task of the project TCHS will submit a CCHE invoice with supporting documentation indicating all items requested for reimbursement that have been paid for. CCHE staff will review the CCHE invoice and supporting documentation and approve or dispute the expenses. Once a properly submitted CCHE invoice is received by CCHE, they estimate payment to be made within 6 to 8 weeks.

The TCHS has committed \$30,000 to the project that will be part of the match. The County in-kind match is estimated at \$43,250 in labor and equipment use during the project. This combination provides for the \$73,250 match TCHS requested. The balance of funds for the project would come from the CCHE grant of \$1,451,870. Because this is a reimbursable grant and TCHS does not have adequate cash to front the costs, the County will have to provide the cash-flow for this project.

ALTERNATIVES:

Not support the TCHS project and look for alternative funding for the proposed museum expansion.

INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES:

County Counsel to finalize a Memorandum of Understanding with the TCHS.
County Administrative Office to help with funding and construction.

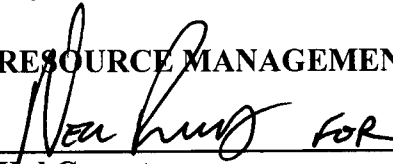
SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS:

County Administrative Officer/Clerk of the board of Supervisors or authorized Deputy to attest to the resolution.

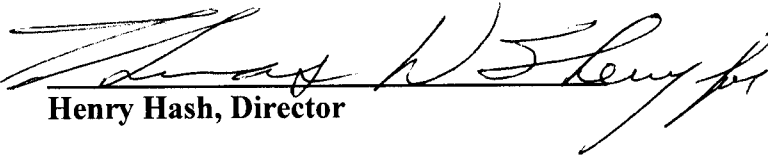
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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF THE TULARE)
COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S) RESOLUTION NO.
AND CALIFORNIA CULTURAL AND)
HISTORICAL ENDOWMENT GRANT)

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR , SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD MAY 23, 2006, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST: C. BRIAN HADDIX
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY:

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