



CITY OF MARTINEZ

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COMMISSION

DATE: May 4, 2010  
TO: Parks, Recreation, Marina & Cultural Commission  
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SUBJECT: Use of Grants and Next Cycle of Proposition 84 Grant Funding

**RECOMMENDATION**

Discuss and provide feedback on possible next steps for grant applications for Measure WW and Proposition 84 funds.

**BACKGROUND**

The Proposition 84 grant scope included expanding and improving Waterfront Park including renovation of the Old Train Station was submitted to the State on March 1, 2010. Staff expects to hear from the State in the Fall of 2010 regarding the award status of the grant. In the meantime there are several key considerations the Commission should discuss regarding grant funding. As the Commission may recall the application for Measure WW funds was delayed in 2009 in order to apply for the Proposition 84 funding which is part of a larger strategy and attempt to fund a number of projects using grant funding including, but not limited to Ferry Point Park Proposal by Phillip Ciaramitaro, upgrades to the amphitheater, renovation of the Old Train Station, refurbishing the Zocci building. These are just a few projects that came up for discussion during the grant process. More recently a need for restrooms at the waterfront and a potential site for a community center near Nancy Boyd Park have been discussed as well.

While the City awaits notice from the State on Proposition 84 a discussion on next steps and possible strategies for funding should be discussed. Key considerations include:

**Measure WW Considerations**

Whether Proposition 84 grant money is approved or not the Commission will once again have to decide whether to select a project for Measure WW in 2010 or wait the last year to submit a project application. Last year submission for the grant was delayed in order to see how far Proposition 84 funding might go if we are awarded the grant. This would allow more projects to be completed.

**If “Yes” on Proposition 84 Grant**

The Commission might want to review remaining projects on the list for grant consideration and select a project for the second round of grant funding per Proposition 84 funding.

**If “No” on Proposition 84 Grant**

The Commission will have to decide if they want to resubmit the rejected application for round two of funding “as is”, modify the scope or grant application or submit an entirely new application. If the grant is not awarded, staff will consult with the State to determine what would the grant application or project more competitive. If the Commission chooses to resubmit the grant application there is the possibility of submitting a second project for grant funding. If it is the pleasure to submit a new project for funding consideration, the Grant Subcommittee should meet and provide recommendations for a second application in June.