



Consideration of Award of Community Enhancement Grant Program Funds for the Stockton Maritime Museum Planning Project Staff Recommendation

This agenda item presents for Board consideration a recommendation to award Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program funding for the Stockton Maritime Museum Planning Project (Project).

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Applicant	Stockton Historical Maritime Museum
Project ID	P6818
Project Type	Planning
County	San Joaquin
Funding Request	\$950,000
Total Project Cost	\$950,000
Funding Recommendation	\$950,000

RECOMMENDATION

Conservancy staff recommends that the Board approve up to \$950,000 in grant funding for the Stockton Maritime Museum Planning Project (P6818) proposed by the Stockton Historical Maritime Museum. Conservancy staff prepared the text below based on staff’s best understanding of the information provided in the application and meetings with members of the Stockton Historical Maritime Museum. Staff followed the Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program Grant Guidelines, approved by the Conservancy Board in December 2019, in working with the applicant and assessing this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this grant is to fund the preconstruction planning activities for construction of the Stockton Maritime Museum (Museum). The plans will include three structures replicating old shipyard buildings using material salvaged from Colberg Boat Works. The three structures include a guard shack/maintenance building; a two-story ship access building to provide ADA access to the Museum ship; and the Colberg Boat Works building that will include classrooms and a second story event center. This Project includes preliminary design producing 65 Percent Design Plans, environmental compliance and permitting, community engagement and outreach, and grant management. Once built the Museum facilities will showcase the fully restored USS Lucid, which will be docked adjacent and connected to the Museum. The USS Lucid MSO-458, the last restorable “Aggressive Class” oceangoing minesweeper remaining in the world, is currently being restored by Museum volunteers including active, wounded, and retired veterans and students from the Discovery ChalleNGe Academy in Stockton.

Environmental Compliance

This Project is a planning project and therefore is not considered a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Severely Disadvantaged Community (SDAC)

Proposition 68 requires that at least 20 percent of all funding be spent on projects that serve severely disadvantaged communities, which are defined as “a community with a median household income less than 60 percent of the statewide average” (PRC 45 Sec. 80008(a)(1)). Located in the City of Stockton, the Stockton Maritime Museum Planning Project serves a severely disadvantaged community.

Cost Share

The Stockton Historical Maritime Museum, a nonprofit organization, will not contribute cost share. While planning for the Museum does not have qualifying cost share during the funding term, it is notable that they have secured considerable commitments of time, labor, donations, and monetary support for the restoration of the ship and acquisition of the Project site.

CONSISTENCY WITH STATE AND LOCAL PRIORITIES

The Project is consistent with Proposition 68 and the Conservancy's enabling legislation (Public Resources Code sections 32300-32381) and strategic plan. This Project is consistent with priorities outlined in the Delta Stewardship Council's Delta Plan and the Delta Protection Commission's Economic Sustainability Plan.

LOCAL AND INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT

The Stockton Historical Maritime Museum is governed by an active volunteer board of directors, many of whom have donated hundreds of hours of their time to the Project. The Museum also has approximately \$3 million in legacy gifts committed to the implementation of the Project. Lastly, local support is evident through letters from local and regional community organizations, including the Department of the Navy, Downtown Stockton Alliance, San Joaquin Community Foundation, San Joaquin Office of Education, and Visit Stockton.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

The Applicant's Board members had significant involvement in the preparation of materials for this Project and proposal. To ensure fair and reasonable procurement practices, any current or former members of the Applicant's Board may not bid on subcontracts of this grant.

BACKGROUND

Proposition 68 is the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 (Public Resources Code Division 45) that made \$12,000,000 available to the Conservancy for uses specified in its governing statute (Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Act, Public Resources Codes, Division 22.3). The Conservancy will use Proposition 68 funds to support projects in the Conservancy's Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program. Unlike traditional grant programs, this program was designed to allow Conservancy staff to collaborate with project applicants to develop proposals that meet the Conservancy and Proposition 68 goals. When applicants submit concept proposals, staff review the proposal to assess viability and

appropriateness with program goals. If the concept proposal is suitable, staff then guide applicants as they develop a full proposal for consideration of Proposition 68 funding. The Stockton Maritime Museum Planning Project is the 15th full proposal staff has presented to the Conservancy Board for consideration of the award of grant funds.

SUGGESTED MOTION LANGUAGE

Move that the Board award funding up to \$950,000 to the Stockton Historical Maritime Museum from the Proposition 68 Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program for the Stockton Maritime Museum Planning Project.

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FIGURE 10.1. MAP OF STOCKTON MARITIME MUSEUM IN THE STOCKTON MARITIME MUSEUM PLANNING AREA PROJECT AREA

