



# City of Carson

## Report to Mayor and City Council

October 7, 2014  
New Business Discussion

**SUBJECT: CONSIDER HIRING A GRANT WRITER FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR**

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### **I. SUMMARY**

This item is on at the request of Councilmember Gipson with the concurrence of Mayor Dear.

Councilmember Gipson is interested in hiring a grant writer for one year in an effort to maximize the possibility of the City of Carson receiving grant funding in the areas of public safety, recreation and the arts. This person could be responsible for researching available grant opportunities, writing concept letters, completing the applications for funding, submitting those applications and following up on the status of each submission.

### **II. RECOMMENDATION**

CONSIDER and PROVIDE direction.

### **III. ALTERNATIVES**

1. DIRECT staff to issue a Request for Qualifications for "Grant Writing Services."
2. DO NOT DIRECT staff to issue a Request for Qualifications for "Grant Writing Services."
3. TAKE another action the City Council deems appropriate.

### **IV. BACKGROUND**

Councilmember Gipson is interested in obtaining grant funding for a number of city services and projects. He would like to strengthen public safety by opening a sub-station in the Scottsdale Townhome complex as well as have the money to allocate more deputies to oversee the city. He would like to see a skate park built in the north part of the City. Also he is interested in increasing beautification projects in the City including replacing the light posts on Avalon Blvd with light posts that are more decorative and increase public art throughout the City.

While hiring a grant writer could be beneficial to the city, it is also important to highlight City staffs actions in the area of grant awards. Attached as Exhibit No. 1, is a matrix listing grants received in the last two years. These grant awards were initiated and lead by Carson City staff. The matrix does not include any automatic funding or formula grants such as CDBG.

# GRANT MONEY RECEIVED IN THE LAST 2 YEARS

(Initiated by staff)

PROJECT	GRANT NAME	AMOUNT
Broadway Intersection Improvements – Traffic Signal Modifications	2013 Transportation Improvement Program - Call for Projects	\$490,750.
Avalon Blvd at Carson St Improvements	Highway Safety Improvement Program - Cycle 5	\$481,600.
Install Bike Lanes Various Locations	Highway Safety Improvement Program - Cycle 6	\$1,338,400.
Install Bike Lanes Various Locations	Highway Safety Improvement Program - Cycle 6	\$1,250,000.
Active Transportation Program	Active Transportation Program	\$1,482,000.
Dominguez Channel Bike Path	Metro Express Lanes Net Toll Revenue Re-Investment Grant	\$1,259,000.
Project No. 919: Wilmington Avenue Interchange Modification at the I-405 Freeway	Federal fund – SAFETEA-LU	\$3,599,599.
	Federal Interstate Maintenance Discretionary funds	\$712,500.00
	State fund, MTA – 2007 Call for Projects	\$11,362,000.
Project No. 1252: A pedestrian Bridge on 213 <sup>th</sup> street over Dominguez Channel	Federal SAFETEA-LU	\$610,240.73
Project No. 1337: Wilmington/223 <sup>rd</sup> Street Bridge retrofit Over Dominguez channel	Federal MAP-21	\$1,783,296.
	State Proposition 1B Fund	\$231,045.
Used Oil Grant. Used oil event and production of public education materials.	Oil Payment Program	\$26,000.
Used Beverage Recycling program, Used for the purchase of beverage containers used at city facilities and public education materials.	Beverage Container Recycling	\$24,307.



# GRANT MONEY RECEIVED IN THE LAST 2 YEARS

*(Initiated by staff)*

First Time Homebuyer Program (Down Payment Assistance)	Home Investment Partnerships Program	\$700,000.
Neighborhood Pride Program		
Outdoor Fitness Zone	L.A. County Regional Open Space	\$250,000.
Hemingway Park	L.A. County Regional Open Space	\$250,000.
Veterans Park (Irrigation)	L.A. County Regional Open Space	\$253,000.
Dolphin Park (Remote Restroom)	California State Park	\$233,950.
Carson Pool	Housing & Urban Development	\$290,000.
Scott Park Playground	KaBoom	\$185,000.
Family Support Grant	Dept. of Children & Family Service	\$ 27,000.
Various Park Renovations	L.A. County Regional Open Space	\$375,000.
Veterans Park (Beautification)	Home Depot Foundation	\$ 50,000.
	<b><u>TOTAL RECEIVED</u></b>	<b><u>\$27,264,687.00</u></b>

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