

Date: September 7, 2006

**California Cultural and Historical Endowment
(CCHE)
Round Two Project Grant Summary**

Grant Applicant:
City of Pasadena
City Hall Seismic Retrofit and
Rehabilitation Project

Project Division: 4
Grant Number: B-20

Amount Requested:
\$1,152,800.

Location /(City/County):
Pasadena/Los Angeles

Amount Reserved:
\$800,000.

Completion of Capital assets project will result in:

The seismic retrofit and rehabilitation of Pasadena's historic, beaux-arts City Hall.

CCHE funds will be used to provide for cast stone restoration, ornamental metal restoration, historic lighting restoration and repair, landscaping, restoration of historic brick pavers, and East Arcade reconstruction.

Property Arrangement:

The City of Pasadena owns the land, and constructed the Pasadena City Hall in 1927. It has been in continuous ownership and has been used by the city as a municipal facility ever since.

CEQA Documentation:

Lead Agency: City of Pasadena

This Project involves the rehabilitation and seismic base isolation of Pasadena City Hall. This involves strengthening and supplementing the existing building foundation and the creation of a “moat” around the perimeter of the building to allow for ground movement independent of the building. The current east arcade would be removed and a new east arcade would be reconstructed to match the existing structure. Existing hardscape and landscape schemes along Euclid Avenue would be reconfigured. Other exterior and interior work is also part of the project.

The EIR identified potentially significant impacts in the areas of aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, noise, public services, and traffic, circulation and parking.

Many of these impacts could be reduced to insignificance with the application of mitigation measures. The mitigation measures identified in the EIR applicable to the CCHE funded work are made a condition of CCHE approval. CCHE staff has independently considered the potentially significant impacts and the mitigation measures, and makes its own findings, set forth on Exhibit A.

The EIR identified certain impacts that are significant and unavoidable, including impacts to biological resources related to the loss of existing protected trees, a cultural resources impact resulting from the demolition of the existing east arcade of City Hall, and transportation/traffic impacts attributable to street closure and land reduction during construction. Mitigation measures are proposed to minimize these impacts, but they remain significant and unavoidable. CCHE’s findings on these impacts and mitigation measures are found on Exhibit A.

The City of Pasadena adopted a Statement of Overriding Considerations, finding that the following benefits of the proposed project will outweigh the significant adverse environmental effects identified in the Final EIR.

1. Installation of a base isolation system. The retrofit features would decrease potential earthquake damage and life-safety hazards to employees and visitors.
2. Restoration and Rehabilitation of City Hall. The project would replace substandard electrical, mechanical and plumbing installations. It would result in the rehabilitation and preservation of the building's exterior and would restore and rehabilitate the historic fabric of the building.
3. Code Upgrades. The building would be upgraded to meet life safety and accessibility requirements.

CCHE staff has independently reviewed and adopted the Statement of Overriding Considerations and recommends that the CCHE Board adopt the findings in the Resolution.

Documentation: The City of Pasadena, as Lead Agency, prepared an Environmental Impact Report. The Final EIR was released in 2003. The City adopted Findings of Fact and a Statement of Overriding Considerations under CEQA on October 27, 2003. A Notice of Determination was filed on November 26, 2003.

Budget/Tasks/Deliverables:

\$ 35,050	Cast stone restoration
\$112,750	Ornamental metal restoration
\$ 91,000	Historic lighting restoration and repair
\$187,400	Restoration of historic courtyard/building perimeter landscaping
\$ 44,450	Restoration of historic pavers
<u>\$329,350</u>	East Arcade structure
\$800,000.	

Matching Funds:

\$800,000. City of Pasadena-General Fund

**CALIFORNIA CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL ENDOWMENT
BOARD
RESOLUTION NO.
06-B 4-20
City of Pasadena
(City Hall Seismic Retrofit Project)**

RESOLUTION APPROVING A CALIFORNIA CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL ENDOWMENT (CCHE) GRANT AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, OR DESIGNEE, TO PROCESS THE APPROVED GRANT FOR CITY OF PASADENA CITY HALL SEISMIC RETROFIT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the CCHE is dedicated to preserving historical and cultural resources; and

WHEREAS, CCHE has received an appropriation from Proposition 40 California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002

WHEREAS, CCHE may distribute funds from Proposition 40 to projects that provide a thread of California's cultural and historical resources; and

WHEREAS, the Project listed above meets the objects of the CCHE program; and

WHEREAS, the Project consists of the seismic retrofit and rehabilitation of the City of Pasadena's historic, beaux-arts City Hall, and CCHE funds will provide for cast stone restoration, ornamental metal restoration, historic lighting restoration and repair, landscaping, restoration of historic brick pavers, and East Arcade reconstruction;

WHEREAS, CCHE staff has independently considered the environmental effects of the Project as described in Environmental Impact Report prepared by the Lead Agency, the City of Pasadena;

WHEREAS, CCHE staff is requiring that the applicant comply with the mitigation measures applicable to the portions of the project that CCHE is funding, as a condition of approval;

WHEREAS, CCHE staff determines that the benefits of the project outweigh its unavoidable significant environmental impacts;

WHEREAS, approval of this grant application shall be conditioned upon the grantee's complying with all applicable laws and regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the CCHE Board adopts the Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations attached hereto as Exhibit A and adopts the mitigation measures therein applicable to those elements of the project that CCHE is funding as a condition of approval; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CCHE Board approves funding for the Project in the amount of \$800,000 authorizes the Executive Officer, or designee, to file a Notice of Determination for the Project with the State Clearinghouse; and to process the approved grant and take all necessary actions to enter into a Grant Agreement with the applicant, subject to availability of appropriated funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CCHE adopts the information contained in the CCHE Round Two Project Grant Summary.

Certification

The undersigned Chair of the CCHE Board of Directors does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the CCHE Board of Directors held September 7, 2006.

Dated: _____

Signature: _____

Susan Hildreth
Chair, CCHE Board of Directors