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To: Oakland City Council
From: Elinor Buchen, Legislative Analyst for the Rules Committee
Miguel Bustos, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Mayor's Office
Date: January 19, 2010
Re: 2010 Federal Legislative Agenda

SUMMARY

Staff has been working with Polsinelli Shugart, the City's Federal lobbyist, to refine the list of funding requests for the City's Federal Legislative Agenda for 2010 and develop a list of appropriations requests.

Based on conversations with representatives from our federal delegates, staff has determined that it is in the City's best interest to narrow the lists of appropriations requests to 10-15 requests. Funding requests that are not on the prioritized list will continue to be pursued as possible grant funding opportunities and/or authorizations. Ideally projects prioritized for appropriations requests should be able to utilize federal funding immediately and have a significant local match. Projects should build infrastructure, purchase equipment, or initiate pilot programs. To improve the City's chances of receiving funding, funding requests should be spread across a number of different appropriations bills. The deadline for applications is different for each legislator but is typically in February and early March.

Polsinelli organized the funding priorities in a draft matrix (attached), identifying various potential federal funding resources available, including appropriations, authorizations, and competitive grants.

Upon populating the matrix, Polsinelli began its filtering process to determine the 10-15 project requests most likely to receive funding through the appropriations process in FY2011. Polsinelli observed that in a number of occasions City projects competed with one-another. Thinking outside-the-box, the matrix combines 5 teen center requests into one, whereas if funding is secured it would go to the City to be distributed between the various centers in need. Additionally, Polsinelli explored "hot" issues in the upcoming session, and noted ways to emphasize distinct aspects of some requests. For example, climate change and "greening" the economy is an appealing concept in Congress now. By highlighting the green renovations/retrofits planned for the teen centers, the request will fare better on Capitol Hill.

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Polsinelli also filtered the list of requests by their funding levels, comparing the funding requests to the historical median in the identified appropriations bills, accounts and programs. They then worked to spread the sources of funding evenly upon the different bills. When a promising alternative source of funding was identified, be it a grant notice or an authorizing opportunity, Polsinelli filtered out those projects. Last, based on communications with congressional champions and prior experience, Polsinelli narrowed down the list of appropriations requests further.

Attached is a draft matrix of funding requests and potential revenue sources. The first 13 requests are the proposed priority list of appropriations requests that will be communicated to the federal delegates. This list will change over the course of the year based on feedback from legislators and as new opportunities arise. Other funding requests listed below the priority list will continue to be pursued as grant funding opportunities.

The attached matrix does not include every project that may arise throughout the course of the year; therefore, staff and Polsinelli will also work to support grant proposals submitted by the City and to identify additional funding opportunities for City proposals as they arise throughout the year.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff is requesting that the City Council accept the report and support the proposed priority list of appropriations requests.

**Proposed FY 11 Appropriations Requests
(not in priority order)**

| | Project | Amount Requested | Appropriations Account/Program | Competitive Grants | Authorizations |
|----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Restorative Justice (demonstration grant) | \$35 million | CJS/Labor-HHS-Education | Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant; Choice Neighborhoods, etc. | Youth Promise Act; No Child Left Behind |
| 2 | Police Ballistic Helmets for UASI | \$6.5 million | DHS/CJS | N/A | N/A |
| 3 | Fire Apparatus and Equipment Purchases | \$5.1 million | DHS | Assistance to Firefighters Grants | N/A |
| 4 | Emer. Services Facility/Program Enhancements | \$500,000 | DHS | Metropolitan Medical Response System | Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Act; Homeland Security Authorization |
| 5 | Firefighter Rehabilitation | \$350,000 | HHS (HRSA/CDC) | | N/A |
| 6 | No Turning Back: Case Management for Oakland Gun Shot Victims | \$500,000 | CJS/Labor-HHS-Education | Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant | Youth Promise Act |
| 7 | Cryer Boatworks Public Beach Access | \$3.8 million | Interior and Environment; HUD | N/A | N/A |
| 8 | New Connections (Aging/Adults w/ disabilities) | \$587,202 | Labor-HHS | Grants for Supportive Services and Senior Centers | N/A |
| 9 | Lake Merritt to Bay Trail Project | \$13 million | THUD | N/A | SAFETEA-LU Reauthorization |
| 10 | Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation of Sub-basins | \$27.2 million | Interior and Environment (EPA) | N/A | Senate WRDA; S. 1005/ H.R. 1262, the Water Infrastructure Financing Act; S. 854, the Clean Water Affordability Act |
| 11 | Oakland Center for Arts and Technology | \$1 million | THUD/CJS | N/A | N/A |
| 12 | Malonga Casquelourd Center for the Arts | \$500,000 | THUD/CJS | N/A | N/A |
| 13 | Green Teen Centers (Sports Field Renovation Project; Defremery House Renovation Project; Mosshouse Improvement Project; West Oakland Teen Center; Rainbow Green Teen Center Renovation Project) | \$13.9 million | THUD/CJS | N/A | N/A |
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Other Funding Requests

| | Project | Amount Requested | Appropriations Account/Program | Competitive Grants | Authorizations |
|--|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | Preventable Disaster Loan Fund (pilot program to finance seismic retrofits) | \$5 million | FINANCIAL SERVICES/HUD | N/A | S. 886 / HR 4014 / HR 2555, Catastrophe Obligation Guarantee Act of 2009; Asking for a GAO Report |
| | Joint Fire and Police Training Facility | \$40 million | DHS/CJS | Emergency Management Performance Grant Program | H.R.3791, FIRE GRANTS REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2009; |
| | Fireboat | \$4 million | DHS | Port Security Grant Program | H.R.3791, FIRE GRANTS REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2009 |
| | Preparedness Initial Training | \$1.7 million | DHS | Emergency Management Performance Grant Program; The SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) Grant | H.R. 3791, the Fire Grants Reauthorization Act of 2009; Homeland Security Authirzation |
| | Broadway Shuttle | \$330,000 | THUD | Urban Circulator Grant; Livability Initiative | SAFETEA-LU Reauthorization |
| | Broadway Streetcar | \$28.8 million | THUD | Urban Circulator Grant; Livability Initiative | SAFETEA-LU Reauthorization |
| | East Oakland Sports Center Phase II | \$31 million | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| | Storm Drain System Expansion | \$15 million | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| | Fruitvale Teen Center/Masonic Temple restoration | \$6 million | TBD | TBD | TBD |