

Inglewood, California, May 8, 2001

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TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Administrative Office/Noise Mitigation Division

SUBJECT: Letter of Agreement - Los Angeles World Airports
Noise Mitigation Grant Funds

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council approve the attached Letter of Agreement between Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) and the City of Inglewood (City). This Letter of Agreement will release grant funds in the amount of \$8,000,000, representing the balance of the \$16,000,000 in grant funds awarded to the City by LAWA in 1998. This portion of the award is allocated towards land recycling based upon current Council policy.

Background

LAWA continues to award grant funds to the City as part of the Noise Compatibility Program's Supplemental Funding Policy. These funds are to supplement funds granted by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), for the purpose of implementing land use noise mitigation projects to reduce the impact of airport noise on the community.

In September of 1998, the Board of Airport Commissioners authorized LAWA to provide grant funds in the amount of \$16 million to the City for implementation of the Airport Noise Mitigation Program. The \$16 million was comprised of two grants in the amount of \$8,000,000 each. These amounts were based upon the City's current policy which allocates fifty percent of LAWA grant funds toward residential sound insulation and the remaining fifty- percent for land recycling.

Discussion

This grant, in the amount of \$8,000,000, will provide funds to acquire property that is heavily noise impacted and recycle the land to commercial and industrial uses. The residential properties that will be acquired with these funds are part of the City's long term airport noise abatement strategy to relocate residents to neighborhoods not impacted by aircraft noise. Once the property has been acquired and the owners and tenants relocated the property will be cleared and made available for disposition to developers.

Staff will continue to seek LAWA grant funds for the sound insulation and land recycling components of the City's Noise Mitigation Program.

Fiscal Impact

The acceptance of these funds will increase the Noise Mitigation Program revenues by \$8,000,000.

Legal Review

This matter has been reviewed by the City Attorney's Office for legal ramifications.

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Attachment:

Letter of Agreement ING-PA-6

