

City of Brisbane
Agenda Report

To: City Council via City Manager
From: Administrative Services Director
Subject: Funding Request from Federal Government
Date: Meeting of February 17, 2009

Recommendation:

Confirm the two projects staff provided Senator Feinstein's office for funding (Water and Sewer, Bayshore Boulevard Overlay) and provide direction to staff regarding other projects the City should request funding for from the Federal Government.

Background:

In 2002 the City hired June DeHart of Manatt, Phelps, and Phillips to assist us in securing Federal Funding for our sewer projects. In the past the City has received \$1,200,000 in Federal assistance for water and sewer projects. If the City had not received these funds, the rates would need to be 10-15% higher than they currently are. In 2005 and 2006 the City received no funds in the current Federal Budget even though we put in for three separate projects. These projects were water and sewer, funds for the Teen Center and funds for the Police Station remodel. The reason in 2005 was due to paying for the War in Iraq as well as the clean-up from Hurricane Katrina. In 2006 the earmarks in the State and Tribal Assistance Grant line item were reduced and went towards house seats which were contested. Congressman Lantos' seat was not contested and therefore he was not able to get an earmark in this bill. In 2007 we submitted a joint request for police equipment along with Millbrae.

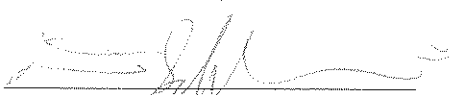
2008 posed a different challenge than in the past. With the Congressman's unexpected passing, we did not know what would happen to his requests. Based on advice from Ms. DeHart we put our requests through the Senators' Offices and after the special election in April worked with Congresswoman Speier.

The Congresswoman was supportive of our joint request with Millbrae and the two cities received \$467,000. We are using this for our new police station, web site update, and other police issues.

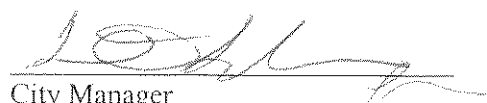
With a new administration and the new stimulus package being voted on we have an opportunity to put in another request. Senator Feinstein's process has already begun. They required requests be presented to them by February 5, 2009. Congresswoman Speier hasn't stated when she needs requests. Staff submitted two requests to Senator Feinstein one was for water and sewer and the other for an overlay of Bayshore Boulevard. Staff is following the process and will keep Council informed of the progress of our request.

Fiscal Impact:

To date the City has spent approximately \$220,000 to date on the effort to bring in over \$1,430,000 worth of Federal Funds.



Administrative Services Director



City Manager