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the surrounding community. Pershing Square provides space for special programming and special events such as concerts and holiday ice skating.

The HRP Program, funded through the passage of Proposition 1C, is designed to reward local governments for developing new residential housing affordable to low-income households and has awarded RAP \$8,221,950.00 available for the 2013 Program Year. The HRP Program funds may be used for the creation or rehabilitation of park and recreational facilities including, but not limited to, the acquisition of land, sport play fields, play areas, non-motorized recreation trails, play structures, outdoor recreation, and landscaping.

Working with the community, department staff has determined the renovation and improvements of the corridor, along 6th Street between Olive and Hill streets and along Olive Street, near the southwest corner of the park, into playground space is necessary and will benefit park users and the surrounding community. The scope of the project includes the installation of a playground for two (2) to five (5) year olds along Olive Street and a playground for five (5) to twelve (12) year olds along 6th Street; the installation of poured-in-place rubber surfacing beneath all the play areas; the planting of twenty-two (22), 36-inch box, Chinese Pistache trees to replace the root-bound Camphor trees, which pose a potential hazard to the parking infrastructure; and other park amenities.

Staff recommends that \$1,000,000.00 of the \$1,000,000.00 from the Proposition 1C HRP funds awarded to Pershing Square be allocated to the Pershing Square - Playground (PRJ20742) project at Pershing Square (Council File No. 14-0996 and Board Report #13-313).

Staff has determined that the subject project will consist of modifications to existing park facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use and placement of new accessory structures. Therefore, the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1,3) and Class 11(3) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The approval of this allocation of Proposition 1C Housing Funds will have no fiscal impact on the Department as the implementation of the proposed park capital improvements will not increase the level of daily maintenance required at this facility. The maintenance of the proposed park improvements can be performed by current staff with no overall impact to existing maintenance services.

The estimated costs for the design, development, and construction of the proposed park improvements are anticipated to be funded by Proposition 1C Housing Funds or funding sources other than the Department's General fund.

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