SUMMARY STATEMENT

ITEM NO.: DRPA-19-024        SUBJECT: Gateway Park HDSRF Funding

COMMITTEE: Operations & Maintenance

COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: March 5, 2019

BOARD ACTION DATE: March 20, 2019

PROPOSAL: That the Board authorizes staff to apply to the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund (HDSRF) for partial reimbursement of costs expended to investigate and remediate certain Gateway Park Properties ("Properties" or "Parcels").

PURPOSE: To authorize an application to the joint New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) and New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund (HDSRF) to obtain partial reimbursement of expenses incurred to assess, investigate and/or remediate suspected hazardous substances or wastes for certain of the Gateway Park properties.

BACKGROUND: HDSRF grants and loans are available to public entities, private entities, and non-profit organizations that perform remediation of suspected or known discharges of hazardous substances or hazardous waste, pursuant to NJDEP's Site Remediation Program requirements. The NJDEP evaluates an applicant's preliminary eligibility requirements, and the estimated remediation costs. Upon the NJDEP’s recommendation for funding, the NJEDA evaluates an applicant's financial status, determines grant and/or loan eligibility, and awards funding.

DRPA procured the Gateway Park Properties, in connection with a December 28, 2001 Inter-Governmental Agency Agreement, for the purpose of demolishing existing improvements, creating open space and remediating the Properties, in order to transfer these parcels to Camden County for use as a park. DRPA has now effectuated these transfers to the Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority (CCMUA), and is completing the remediation process. DRPA, as a public entity, may be eligible to obtain partial reimbursement in connection with expenses incurred to assess, investigate and/or remediate suspected hazardous...
substances or wastes existing at the Properties. The application requires the DRPA Board of Commissioners’ authorization to so apply and to indicate that a commitment exists to develop the property within three years following completion of the remediation, if the remediation has not yet been accomplished.

SUMMARY:  
Amount: Various Grant Requests  
Source of Funds: HDSRF  
Operating Budget: N/A  
Capital Project: N/A  
Master Plan Status: N/A  
Other Fund Sources: N/A  
Duration of Contract: N/A  
Other Parties Involved: NJDEP and NJEDA
RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the Board of Commissioners of the Delaware River Port Authority authorizes staff to file an application to the joint New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) and New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund (HDSRF) to obtain partial reimbursement of expenses incurred to assess, investigate and/or remediate suspected hazardous substances or wastes for certain of the Gateway Park properties, located in the City of Camden and Township of Pennsauken, being more particularly described as follows:

Block 1216, Lot 2;
Block 1217 Lots 2, 4 and 14;
Block 1237, Lots 7, 8, 17 and 58;
Block 1249, Lots 16, 125 and 126;
Block 6701, Lots 1 and 2;
Block 6702, Lots 1 and 2; and
Block 6714, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8,
containing approximately 22 acres; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the application shall contain the following required representations:

1. DRPA had acquired the Properties for the purposes of redevelopment;
2. DRPA has determined that there has been a discharge of hazardous substances or a hazardous waste on the Properties;
3. DRPA is applying for reimbursement of funds from the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund (HDSRF) for the assessment, investigation and/or remediation of the Properties; and
4. DRPA is committed to the redevelopment of the Properties via transfer to the Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority (CCMUA), for the dedicated purpose of Open Space and Recreation, which Properties are anticipated to be so developed within a three year period after the completion of the remediation of these sites, as Gateway Park; and be it further
RESOLVED: The Chair, Vice Chair and the Chief Executive Officer must approve and are hereby authorized to approve and execute all necessary agreements, contracts, or other documents on behalf of the DRPA. If such agreements, contracts, or other documents have been approved by the Chair, Vice Chair and Chief Executive Officer and if thereafter, either the Chair or Vice Chair is absent or unavailable, the remaining Officer may execute the said document(s) on behalf of DRPA along with the Chief Executive Officer. If both the Chair and Vice Chair are absent or unavailable, and if it is necessary to execute the said document(s) while they are absent or unavailable, then the Chief Executive Officer shall execute such documents on behalf of DRPA.

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