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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	52679	Agenda Number	5.
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Meeting Date:	12/10/2015	Department:	Economic Development
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Subject

Approve a resolution amending Resolution No. 20121213-095 to authorize the Circuit Events Local Organizing Committee to act on behalf of the City for the Texas Major Events Reimbursement Program, or, in the alternative, the Texas Events Trust Fund, for the purpose of conducting economic studies, submitting applications, and submitting any required funding to the Texas Office of the Governor for future Moto GP events to be held at the Circuit of the Americas facility.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	December 13, 2012 - Council approved Resolution No. 20121213-095 authorizing the Circuit of Events local Organizing Committee to act on the City's behalf for purposes of submitting applications to the Texas Comptroller for Texas Event Trust Fund determinations for the following events to be held at the Circuit of the Americas facility located in Austin, Texas: MotoGP; V8 Super Cars; American Le Mans Series and World Endurance Championship.
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

In 2012, Austin's Circuit of the Americas, LLC (COTA) secured the winning bid to host the FIM Road Racing World Championship Grand Prix, commonly known as Moto GP. Dorna Sports, S.L., a Spanish company, is the site selection committee for Moto GP.

In 2012, COTA requested that the City of Austin support the event by acting as the endorsing municipality for application to the Texas Event Trust Fund (ETF).

In December 2012, the Council passed Resolution 20121213-095, which authorized the Circuit Events Local

Organizing Committee (CELOC) to act on the City's behalf (as the endorsing municipality) to apply for the Texas Comptroller's ETF for future Moto GP events. The resolution allows CELOC to apply for these funds indefinitely and committed CELOC to fully funding the cost of any commissioned study or amounts owed to the Texas Comptroller's office as per qualification with the ETF.

The Texas Major Events Reimbursement Program (MERP) (formerly the Major Events Trust Fund) is designed to attract larger events than the ETF and allows for a larger window for assessing economic impact of a particular event. Legislation approved in 2015 that became effective September 1, 2015 qualifies Moto GP to apply to the MERP as well as the ETF. The 2015 Texas Legislature also moved the MERP and the ETF from the Comptroller's Office to the Office of the Governor, effective September 1, 2015.

The resolution would amend Resolution 20121213-095, giving CELOC the additional ability to act on the City's behalf in applying for funding from either the ETF or the MERP. It would also allow CELOC to submit these applications and other necessary documents to the Texas Governor's Office. The resolution mandates that all of the requirements in the current contracts between COTA, CELOC and the City remain in effect, and recognizes that CELOC is responsible for all funds required to be submitted to the State to be eligible for funding from either the ETF or the MERP.

Should Council approve this request, CELOC would not proceed with its ETF application (which is due to the State December 10, 2015) but would instead apply for MERP funding for the 2016 Moto GP. The deadline for application to the MERP is February 23, 2016.