

Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: October 28, 2019

From : 
Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Director

Subject: **Agenda Item 16: Consideration of resolution authorizing a Proposition 68 grant to Pukuu Cultural Community Services for the Haramokngna American Indian Cultural Center, Angeles National Forest.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy authorize a grant not to exceed \$65,000 in Proposition 68 funds to the Pukuu Cultural Community Services for project planning for visitor serving improvements for the Haramokngna American Indian Cultural Center in Angeles National Forest.

Legislative Authority: Section 33204.2(a) of the Public Resources Code; and Proposition 68, Section 80000 of the Public Resources Code.

Background: Please see the attached Proposition 68 grant application from Pukuu Cultural Community Services for a detailed description. The grant request is for \$65,000 for planning for restoration and improvements to the Haramokngna American Indian Cultural Center (HAICC) which operates under a permit from the Forest Service on Red Box Saddle in Angeles National Forest. HAICC has operated at the site for nearly two decades in old fire station buildings that are over 50 years old. The grant would provide for environmental analysis, needs assessment, and technical design for site improvements that will enhance community access and programs. New trail and signage and interpretive displays are also envisioned.

For additional information about the applicants, HAICC's website is <http://www.haramokngna.org>; the nonprofit Pukuu Cultural Community Services site is <http://www.pukuu.org>.

Scoring under the Conservancy's Proposition 68 Guidelines for Visitor Serving Development and Improvement Projects results in sufficient scoring under values for Prioritization (19 out of 21); Category) 62 out of 70); Implementation (16 out of 16); Climate Change (13 out of 13); and Additional Consideration (15 out of 25); totalling 125 out of maximum 145 points. Additionally, the applicant pledges support from in-kind service and volunteer service hours.