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CITY TO EXTEND AGREEMENT FOR GRANT WRITING SERVICES

VALLEJO – The City Council on Tuesday will consider extending an agreement with Armenta Management Consulting for grant writing services for the City of Vallejo.

Armenta, who has been working with the City since May 1999, has been successful in procuring over \$3.5 million in grant funds from various public and private sector grant funding agencies.

“The grant writer is one of the initiatives which I proposed for Vallejo when I first became City Manager some 4 ½ years ago,” said City Manager David Martinez. “The results of this experiment are extremely positive and gratifying.”

Along with the \$3.5 million the City has already received, another \$1.4 million in grant applications are pending.

Some of the grants Armenta has acquired for the City include fund for the Georgia Street expansion projects, a Computer Assisted Dispatch system for the police department, and several recycling grants. The City recently received a \$141,000 grant for the state Office of Traffic Safety for anti-DUI programs.

Currently, about \$1 million of the pending grant applications are for help with the preservation efforts of historic sites on Mare Island. A grant for \$250,000 would assist with crime activity at hotels and motels in the community.

The contract with Armenta Management Consulting will not exceed \$72,000 for Fiscal Year 2003-2004 if approved.