



Date: December 23, 2022

To: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager 

From: Christopher Koontz, Director of Development Services 

For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: Mills Act Property Tax Abatement Program is Relaunching for 2023

The City of Long Beach (City) Development Services Department (Department) is pleased to announce that the Mills Act Property Tax Abatement Program (Mills Act) application process will reopen for the first time since 2020 to offer financial incentives for certain qualifying historic properties. The 2023 Mills Act Application Guide will be made available to the public on the Department [website](#) beginning on Friday, December 30, 2022, and will close Friday, March 3, 2023.

The City of Long Beach Mills Act Program (Program) was established in 1993, under the authority of State legislation, known as the "Mills Act". The Program provides a financial incentive for property owners undertaking restoration, rehabilitation or maintenance of a designated historic property. The incentive is achieved through property tax relief to owners of historic properties in exchange for the rehabilitation and restoration of the historic property pursuant to the terms of a Mills Act contract with the City. After nearly a 10-year hiatus, the City Council revised and reinstated the Program in 2015, but the Program was temporarily put on hold in 2020 due to staffing shortages related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Department will host two public workshops for potential applicants on Saturday, January 28, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the Jordan High School Auditorium and on Saturday, February 18, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the City of Long Beach Energy Resources Auditorium. Potential applicants must attend the January pre-application workshop to determine eligibility, and eligible applicants must attend the February application workshop in order for their application to be considered.

The Program application, and a non-refundable processing fee, must be submitted by the March 3, 2023 deadline to be considered for the 2023 program. City staff anticipates that the applications will be reviewed by the Cultural Heritage Commission on Tuesday, May 30, 2023, and transmitted to the City Council for action on Tuesday, June 20, 2023. Final property tax contracts will be sent to the Los Angeles County Recorder on or before Friday, September 29, 2023.

For further information regarding the Mills Act Program, please contact Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Planner Bureau Manager, at ext. 8-6946 .

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