



CITY OF POMONA COUNCIL REPORT

June 7, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: James Makshanoff, City Manager

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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$200,000 IN STATE STRATEGIC GROWTH COUNCIL AND TRANSFORMATIVE CLIMATE COMMUNITIES (TCC) PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS TO DEVELOP STRATEGIES TO REDUCE CARBON EMISSIONS, IMPROVE AIR QUALITY, AND BUILD RESILIENCY IN THE FACE OF A CHANGING CLIMATE, WITH A FOCUS ON LOW-INCOME AND DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

1. Adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-61 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF \$200,000 IN PLANNING GRANT FUNDS FROM THE TRANSFORMATIVE CLIMATE COMMUNITIES (TCC) PROGRAM AND STATE OF CALIFORNIA STRATEGIC GROWTH COUNCIL TO COMMENCE COLLABORATIVE PLANNING ACTIVITIES IN PREPARATION FOR SEEKING FUTURE TCC IMPLEMENTATION FUNDING AND AMEND THE FY 2020-21 OPERATING BUDGET BY INCREASING REVENUE ESTIMATES AND APPROPRIATING \$10,000.

2. Authorize the City Manager to execute all agreements and any other documentation requested for acceptance of the award, distribution of the funding and operation of the subsequent agreements, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On June 25, 2020, the Strategic Growth Council, through the Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) Program awarded a \$200,000 Planning Grant to Pomona Activated for Community Transformation & Sustainability (Pomona ACTS), a collaboration of the City of Pomona and several nonprofit entities, to aid the undertaking of integrated planning activities related to equitable, sustainable community development, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and including building partnerships and developing shovel-ready projects that help prepare them to seek implementation dollars from the State and other sources. Funding will cover the cost of hiring a consultant to conduct community, youth, developer and stakeholder engagement in coordination with community-based partner organizations including Clean & Green Pomona. In addition, the funding will aid two non-profit organizations CHERP- Locally Grown Power and GRID Alternatives to identify and prepare feasibility studies on potential physical locations for solar facilities. This action accepts these grant dollars into the City's budget.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Adoption of Resolution 2021-61 (Attachment No. 1) will accept one grant award from Strategic Growth Council, receiving a total of \$200,000 in TCC Planning grant funds which will fund planning efforts focusing on solidification of leverage funding opportunities and clean transportation planning to service regional and local connections providing more transit access to residents between February 11, 2021 and February 11, 2023. This action will also amend the FY 2020-21 operating budget by increasing revenue estimates in the amount of \$10,000 (215-1712-40873-58744) and appropriations (215-1712-52285-58744) in the amount of \$10,000, the remaining \$190,000 will be appropriated into the FY 2021-22 budget with the final adoption of the FY 2021-22 budget, which is a separate action on this evening's agenda.

PREVIOUS RELATED ACTION:

On February 24, 2020, the City Council authorized the City Manager to seek grant funds under the TCC grant program. This grant has been made possible by financing from California Climate Investments (CCI) (funded through the greenhouse gas reduction fund), the TCC program through the through the California Strategic Growth Council.

DISCUSSION:

The City applied for the maximum available funding of \$200,000 to undertake efforts and planning activities related to equitable, sustainable community development, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and including building partnerships and developing shovel-ready projects that help prepare the City for future TCC grants or other California Climate Investments (CCI) Programs.

On June 25, 2020, the Strategic Growth Council voted to award Pomona ACTS a \$200,000 Planning Grant. Under the work plan submitted for this grant, the City of Pomona will implement community engagement and plan development for local organizations and residents. The planning efforts will focus on assessing for community-based and single-family solar potential that incorporates workforce training. Project activities will include planning for community resiliency through community-based solar from the use of Pomona's Community Choice Aggregation (CCA)

initiative that will generate revenue to be credited to lowest income households. Planning efforts will also focus on solidification of leverage funding opportunities and clean transportation planning to service regional and local connections providing more transit access to residents. Project partners include community- based organization Clean & Green Pomona and non- profit organizations CHERP- Locally Grown Power and GRID Alternatives.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES & GOALS:

This item supports the 2019-2020 City Council Priorities and Goals; Priority 2: Economic Development; Goal E: Obtain California’s Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) Program funding as a catalyst for economic development between downtown Pomona and the Pomona North Metro/Gold Line Station

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ATTACHMENT:

Attachment No. 1 – Resolution No. 2021-61