



CITY OF POMONA

COUNCIL REPORT

December 2, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Linda C. Lowry, City Manager

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SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION NO. 2019-189 APPROVING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR \$28.2 MILLION IN GRANT FUNDS FROM THE TRANSFORMATIVE CLIMATE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council;

- 1. ADOPT RESOLUTION 2019-189 APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR \$28.2 MILLION IN GRANT FUNDS FROM THE TRANSFORMATIVE CLIMATE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In 2016, the California Legislature adopted AB 2722, which authorized the creation of the Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) Program to be administered by the Strategic Growth Council (SGC). The SGC has administered two prior rounds of TCC grant program and are now gearing up for Round 3 to be awarded in 2020, which is anticipated to provide for two awards in the amount of \$28.2 Million each. The City must adopt the attached resolution in order to be the lead applicant for submission of a grant application in Round 3.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE:

A public hearing is not required for this action.

FISCAL IMPACT:

If awarded, the grant will provide approximately \$28.2 million for projects and programs within a five square mile area tentatively depicted in Attachment 2. The projects and programs will be administered by the City along with several, yet to be identified, community partners. The City will serve as the lead applicant and fiscal agent and will be responsible for the administration of

the funds, principally through an invoice-reimbursement agreement with the State, and by special agreement for larger capital projects such as housing.

The grant term is three years, commencing with the execution of a grant agreement. The State requires that approximately \$14 million in matching funds, which will come from various funding sources, including City funds approved by the City Council through Development Agreements, other State and Federal grant funding, developer investments, and in-kind contributions from other agencies. Beyond the matching funds, potential fiscal impacts to the City include staff time for administering the grant, which will be accounted for in future budgets, and the use of City funds to front costs, for which some modest portion may be eligible for repayment from the grant (if awarded) during the three-year grant term.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTIONS:

None.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

Not applicable.

BACKGROUND & DISCUSSION:

In 2016, the California Legislature adopted AB 2722, which authorized the creation of the Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) Program to be administered by the Strategic Growth Council (SGC). Two prior rounds of funding have been awarded to a variety of applicants, most of which have been led by a municipality, such as Fresno, Los Angeles, and Ontario. The SGC has released a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Round 3 of the TCC program. The SGC anticipates awarding a total of \$56.4 million equally to two winning applicants in this round (\$28.2 million each). The application deadline is February 28, 2020.

Per AB 2711, the objective of the TCC Program is to fund coordinated greenhouse gas emission reduction projects that provide local economic, environmental, and health benefits. In a collaborative effort with community based organizations and affordable housing developers, City staff has developed a list of several potential projects which further the objective of the TCC Program. These projects include a 57-unit affordable housing project in partnership with Jamboree Housing Corp., a variety of Active Transportation related improvements, possible installation of community based solar panel installation, possible Gold Line light rail collaboration. This list is preliminary at this point and will be refined as the grant process advances to the February 28, 2020 application due date.

Staff will receive technical assistance from the SGC to fine tune the elements of our application and the various project details with the hope of the highest scoring application possible. A technical advisor has been assigned to the effort and by early January application feedback will be provided to Pomona. The SGC technical advisor shall recommend whether we proceed with a full application, or if we should recalibrate and instead pursue a \$200,000 Planning Grant to prepare for a full application during the next (4th) round of applications in 2020/2021.

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ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) Resolution 2019-189
- 2) Tentative Project Area Map