



CITY OF POMONA COUNCIL REPORT

February 1, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: James Makshanoff, City Manager

Submitted By: Anita D. Gutierrez, Development Services Director

**SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 IN
STATE LOCAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING (“LEAP”) GRANT
FUNDS FOR USE ON CITYWIDE HOUSING POLICY
DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION**

RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. Adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-18 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE
OF \$500,000 IN GRANT FUNDING FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR USE
ON CITYWIDE HOUSING POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND
IMPLEMENTATION; AMEND THE FY 2020-21 OPERATING BUDGET BY
INCREASING REVENUE ESTIMATES AND APPROPRIATING \$500,000**

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 September 22, 2020, the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) awarded \$500,000 to the City of Pomona to aid in establishing housing policies and implementation measures that streamline housing production. Funding will cover actions such as updating the Pomona Zoning Ordinance, procuring technology to streamline permit processing, establishing objective standards for open space, and establishing predictable traffic impact criteria for developments. This action accepts these grant dollars into the City’s budget.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Adoption of Resolution 2021-18 (Attachment No. 1) will accept one grant award from HCD, receiving a total of \$500,000 in State of California LEAP Funds which may fund any eligible activities between January 27, 2020 and December 31, 2023. This action will also amend the FY 2020-21 operating budget by increasing revenue estimates in the amount of \$500,000 (215-1713-40873-58730) and appropriations (215-1713-52403-58730 & 215-1713-52285-58730) in the amount of \$500,000.

PREVIOUS RELATED ACTION:

On June 23, 2020, the City Council authorized the City Manager to seek grant funds under HCD's LEAP grant program.

DISCUSSION:

The City applied for the maximum available funding of \$500,000 to update the Pomona Zoning Ordinance, procure technology for permit processing and streamlining, and the creation of objective standards for open space and traffic impacts. On September 22, 2020, HCD issued the City a formal award letter. The structure of the grant award enables the City to apply the funding towards any eligible activity between the date of the Notice of Funding Availability (January 27, 2020) and December 31, 2023.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES & GOALS:

This item supports the 2019-2020 City Council Priorities and Goals; Priority 2: Economic Development; Goal J: Encourage the development and maintenance of quality housing opportunities for all.

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ATTACHMENT:

Attachment No. 1 – Resolution No. 2021-18