



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: General Services
Department No.: 063
For Agenda Of: July, 01, 2014
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5ths

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: General Services Matthew P. Pontes, Director (560-1011)
Contact Info: Greg Chanis, Assistant Director (568-3096)
Roy Hapeman, Energy Manager (568-2628)

SUBJECT: Southern California Edison Energy Efficiency Strategic Plan Grant

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: None

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the attached Southern California Edison California Energy Efficiency Strategic Plan Implementation Grant Contract in the amount of \$84,616 awarded to the County of Santa Barbara to support energy efficiency on County owned facilities; and
- b) Determine that the acceptance of the grant is not a “project” as defined by California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15378(b) (5), as it is an administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

The General Services Department has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$84,616 to support the development of Energy Efficiency policies for County owned facilities, which is Phase 2 of the Climate Action Strategy. This grant is focused on activities that support Strategic Plan Goal 3, “Local governments lead by example with their own facilities and their own energy usage practices.” Funds awarded under the grant will be apportioned between FY 2013-14 and FY 2014-15. All funds must be spent by December 31, 2014.

The grant proposes to develop an Energy Efficiency Standard for County owned facilities that increases the participation by County Departments in reducing energy usage across all County owned facilities. The Energy Efficiency Standard will be structured as a resolution that will show the County's leadership for energy efficiency on County owned facilities. The County will conduct a series of trainings that will be launched upon approval of the resolution by the County Board of Supervisors. The trainings will demonstrate the County's commitment by providing County departments with information and examples of the short and long term benefits of the Energy Efficiency Standard.

Background:

Resolution 09-059 directed staff "to seek funding, including grants and rebates, to offset general fund costs of preparing the County's greenhouse gas emission reduction strategy and implement programmatic actions that support climate protection." In response, County staff pursued a competitive grant with Southern California Edison known as the Flight #5.6: Local Government Strategic Plan Strategies Solicitation.

The County of Santa Barbara received \$ 492,766 from a Southern California Edison grant in 2012 for County owned facilities. The grant was awarded for projects which seek to increase energy efficiency in the County. With these activities, the County is able to take energy efficiency to a new, broader and more comprehensive level across its municipal facilities by developing policies and initiating processes to more accurately track the energy usage in each building and assure these buildings achieve maximum efficiency. This grant's tasks and completion times are as follows:

- Energy Benchmarking: The County has a baseline to gauge its building energy efficiency improvements. (Completed March 2013)
- Utility Manager: The County will have a system that interlinks existing operating systems with staff, allowing them to make regular improvements to the way they operate the buildings, based on real-time data. (To be completed 2014)
- Commissioning/Retro-commissioning: The County can ensure continuous optimized building energy performance with Commissioning and Retro-commissioning policies
- Energy Action Plan: The County has an Energy Action Plan to help achieve its AB 32 compliance goals and a long-term energy management guide. (Completed March 2013)

Because of the success achieved so far with the 2012 grant, Southern California Edison has awarded the County an additional grant of \$84,616.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

All tasks are supported by this Southern California Edison Grant and funds awarded under the grant will be apportioned between FY 2013-14 and FY 2014-15. All funds must be spent by December 31, 2014.

Staffing Impacts:

This grant represents a total of approximately 0.1 FTE's in FY 2013-14 and 0.1 FTEs in FY 2014-15. These allocations are based on the proposed work. Grant funding is task based and can be shifted as long as all funds are spent prior to December 31, 2014.

Special Instructions:

Direct the Clerk of the Board to forward one (1) copy of the certified minutes order to Roy Hapeman in the General Services Department.

Attachments:

1. Southern California Edison California Energy Efficiency Strategic Plan Implementation Contract with the Scope of Work
2. Notice of Exemption

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