



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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Department Name: Planning &
Development, Housing
and Community
Development
Department No.: 053,055
For Agenda Of: May 17, 2011
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Glenn Russell, Ph.D., Planning & Development Department
Director(s) (x2085)
Jeff Hunt, AICP, Long Range Planning Division (x2072)
Sharon Friedrichsen, Housing and Community Development
(x2068)

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SUBJECT: Southern California Edison Energy Efficiency/Climate Planning Grant

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Approved

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence:

As to form: None

Recommended Actions:

That the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors:

Approve and authorize the County Executive Officer to execute the Southern California Edison California Energy Efficiency Strategic Plan Implementation Contract in the amount of \$283,000, awarded to the County of Santa Barbara to support energy efficiency projects in the Planning and Development Department and Department of Housing and Community Development.

Summary Text:

The Planning and Development Department has been awarded \$164,891 to support the development of a Climate Action Plan, which is Phase 2 of the Climate Action Strategy, and \$58,269 to support the development of energy reach codes and a County specific green building ordinance by the Building and Safety Division.

The Department of Housing and Community Development has been awarded \$59,840 to facilitate better linkages between emPowerSBC and an expanded Innovative Building Review Program, including branding, communication, capacity building, streamlined permitting and project verification. The Innovative Building Review Program is a voluntary program administered by Planning and Development that advises developers on how to make their projects more energy efficient.

Funds awarded under the grant would be apportioned between FY 2011-12 and FY 2012-13. All funds must be spent by October 2012.

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 implementing 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 has been notified that it has received \$283,000 from the solicitation. The grant has specifically been awarded for projects which seek to increase energy efficiency in the County. The funds will be split between the Planning and Development Department in the amount of \$223,160 with \$164,891 allocated to complete the Climate Action Plan and \$58,269 to develop energy reach codes and a County specific green building ordinance, and \$59,840 to the Department of Housing and Community Development to expand Innovative Building Review Program to include linkages to emPowerSBC.

The \$164,891 allocated to the Climate Action Plan, which is Phase 2 of the Climate Action Strategy represents partial funding for this project. This project is proposed in the 2011-2012 Planning and Development Work Program. Phase 1 of the Climate Action Strategy is the draft Climate Action Study that is scheduled for review by the Board of Supervisors (BOS) in July of 2011.

The \$58,269 allocated to development of energy reach codes and a green building ordinance represents full funding for this project, which is a recommendation for implementation of the Climate Action Study. Staff will be seeking direction from the BOS on the development of energy reach codes and a County specific green building ordinance in July with the presentation of the Climate Action Study.

Acceptance of this contract does not commit the County to adopting a Climate Action Plan, energy reach code or County specific green building ordinance. Likewise, the County would not be obligated to spend the monies awarded by the grant.

The \$59,840 allocated emPowerSBC represents funding to be used to develop and produce materials to help market the emPowerSBC program and facilitate information sharing between the Innovative Building Review Program and emPowerSBC.

Performance Measure:

N/A

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

The projects supported by this grant (Climate Action Plan, Energy Reach and Green Building Codes, and emPowerSBC) will be proposed as part of the respective Fiscal Year 2011-12 and 2012-13 budgets

for the Planning and Development Department and Housing and Community Development Department. Acceptance of grant funding would partially offset Planning and Development General Fund expenditures otherwise required for these projects, but would not commit the County to these projects as part of either future budget. Acceptance of grant funding would augment other grant funds received by Housing and Community Development for the emPowerSBC program.

Staffing Impacts:

Planning and Development Department

Funding of \$223,160 under the grant would offset General Fund expenditures in FY 2011-12 and 2012-13, with approximately \$158,141 available in FY 2011-12 and \$65,019 available in FY 2012-13. This grant funding represents a total of approximately 0.77 FTEs in FY 2011-12 and 0.50 FTEs in FY 2012-13. These allocations are based on the proposed 2011-2012 Work Program. Grant funding is task based and can be shifted as long as all funds are spent prior to October 2012.

Housing and Community Development Department

Funding of \$59,840 under the grant would be allocated for use under the emPowerSBC program.

Special Instructions:

The Clerk of the Board shall forward a copy of the Minute Order to Planning & Development, Attention: David Villalobos, Hearing Support.

Upon execution of the Grant Award by the County Executive Officer, forward the duplicate original documents (2) to the Planning and Development Department for transmission to Southern California Edison. Upon the return of the executed document from Southern California Edison, Planning and Development to forward one original, fully executed contract the Clerk of the Board.

Attachments: Southern California Edison California Energy Efficiency Strategic Plan Implementation Contract

Authored by:

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