



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: OCTOBER 23, 2018

FROM: OFFICE OF HOMELESS SOLUTIONS WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: SUB-RECIPIENT AGREEMENT FOR THE USE OF TRANSFORMATIVE CLIMATE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM PLANNING GRANT FUNDS WITH THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE TO PROVIDE THE CITY WITH \$149,791 FOR TRANSFORMATIVE CLIMATE COMMUNITIES PLANNING ACTIVITIES – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION; RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE TRANSFORMATIVE CLIMATE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM ADMINISTERED THROUGH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION; MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE TRANSFORMATIVE CLIMATE COMMUNITIES COLLABORATIVE STAKEHOLDER STRUCTURE

ISSUES:

Approve a Sub-Recipient Agreement for the Use of Transformative Climate Communities Program Planning Grant funds with the County of Riverside to award the City \$149,791; adopt a Resolution that authorizes the submittal of a grant application to the Transformative Climate Communities Program for approximately \$23,000,000, funded by the State of California Department of Conservation for clean energy, smart growth, and affordable housing projects in the Downtown and Eastside Neighborhoods; and approve a multi-party Memorandum of Understanding for the Transformative Climate Communities Collaborative Stakeholder Structure that covers oversight and governance of potential Transformative Climate Communities Implementation Grant funds.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve the Sub-Recipient Agreement for the Use of Transformative Climate Communities Program Planning Grant Funds with the County of Riverside to provide the City with \$149,791 in grant funds for planning activities and preparation of a Transformative Climate Communities Implementation Grant;
2. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Sub-recipient Agreement for the Use of Transformative Climate Communities Program Planning Grant funds with the County of Riverside, including making minor and non-substantive changes;
3. Upon receipt of grant funds, authorize an increase in estimated revenues in the amount of \$149,791 to account number 9338100-334100 and appropriate expenditures in the same amount to account number 9338100-440210;

4. Approve the attached Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Transformative Climate Communities Program administered through the California Department of Conservation, and authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute all required documents; and
5. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute a multi-party Memorandum of Understanding required by the Transformative Climate Communities Implementation Grant application that provides a governance and oversight structure for the grant funds.

BACKGROUND:

In 2017, City staff from the Community & Economic Development Department Neighborhoods Division, Historic Preservation Division, and the Housing Authority began working with the Riverside County Economic Development Agency in an effort to secure funding from the State of California – California Air Resource Board's Cap-and-Trade Program. Funding opportunities are available through Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) grants for the purpose of helping local jurisdictions 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.

Planning Grants:

Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) Planning Grants fund activities defined in an existing regional or local plan and that will occur in disadvantaged communities that may be eligible for future TCC Implementation Grants, or other California Climate Investment programs. On January 29, 2018 the Strategic Growth Council awarded 10 TCC Planning Grant proposals, which included a joint proposal from the County and City of Riverside in the amount of \$170,000.

In August 2018, the County of Riverside (County), as the lead applicant, executed a Grant Agreement with the State of California for the TCC Planning Grant. Utilizing funding from the TCC Planning Grant, the County will sub-grant to the City \$149,791 to complete its portion of the development of a full grant proposal for the TCC Implementation Grant.

DISCUSSION:

Implementation Grant:

TCC Implementation Grants will be awarded through a competitive process for the implementation of neighborhood level plans that include multiple, coordinated projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and achieve other community benefits. The Riverside TCC Implementation Grant proposal, "Pathways to Health," proposes to produce public health and environmental benefits through the reduction emissions from sources of air pollution within a Project Area that extends from the Eastside to the Downtown neighborhoods. Pathways to Health seeks to implement land use planning policies to create safe physical and social environments within the Project Area; achieving health equity and improve public health by connecting and investing in Project Area residents; and ensuring healthy and active living by improving and increasing residents' access to health-promoting systems and environments.

The Implementation Grant includes conducting public outreach to identify and propose TCC eligible projects, a municipal planning analysis, and provide fiscal oversight of the TCC Planning Grant funds.

The TCC Planning Grant award offers the City time and resources to complete a full TCC Implementation Grant proposal, which will require considerable staff time and coordination among City, County, and community partners. The Co-Applicants for the TCC grant include the County of Riverside (County), the City of Riverside (City), the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA), Wakeland Housing and Development Corporation (Wakeland), the Regents of the University of California, the Riverside Unified School District (District), Grid Alternatives (Grid), and the Riverside Community Health Foundation (Foundation) – collectively referred to as the Parties.

Additional project partners may include the Riverside Transit Authority, County of Riverside Workforce Investment Board, Eastside HEALZone, Inland Urban Forest Council, Kaiser Permanente Riverside, Riverside Food Co-Op, Riverside Food System Alliance. For the City, impacted teams include Planning, Transportation, Public Utilities, Neighborhoods, and the Housing Authority. Limited staff time is billable under the Transformative Climate Communities Planning Grant award.

The TCC Implementation Grant has the overall goals of producing public health and environmental benefits through the reduction of emissions from sources of air pollution within the Downtown and Eastside Neighborhoods Project Area. The full TCC Implementation Grant proposal, a partnership between the City of Riverside and the County of Riverside Economic Development Agency, is due on October 30, 2018. The grant proposal is in the amount of \$23,000,000 and will be used to fund the Mission Heritage affordable housing project in Downtown, as well as other smart transit projects, park improvements, urban greening, and workforce development projects and programs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Upon execution of the Sub-recipient Agreement for the Use of Transformative Climate Communities Program Planning Grant funds with the County of Riverside, the \$149,791 in grant funds will be received and appropriated into 9338100-334100 and 9338100-440210.

The Transformative Climate Communities Planning and Implementation Grants are reimbursed on a draw down basis through the contracts with the County of Riverside. The General Fund would need to front expenses for both the Transformative Climate Communities Planning and Implementation Grants. If the Transformative Climate Communities Implementation Grant is awarded, staff will return to the City Council to request authorization to accept the receipt of grant funds, provide a completed project list with a budget breakdown to implement the Grant.

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Attachments:

1. Sub-recipient Agreement for the Use of TCC Program Planning Grant funds with the County of Riverside Economic Development Agency
2. Resolution
3. Memorandum of Understanding