



LOCAL EARLY PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION

Community & Economic Development

City Council
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BACKGROUND

1. Local Early Action Planning Grant - 2019-2020 Budget Act
 - a. One-time grant funding to cities and counties
 - b. Available to assist jurisdictions in meeting the 6th cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA)
2. Notice of Funds Available (NOFA) – January 2020
 - a. California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)
 - b. Authorized Statewide - up to \$119,000,000
 - c. Non-competitive - over the counter grant



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DISCUSSION

1. Riverside eligible for \$750,000
 - a. Two projects identified
 - i. Housing Element Update (Safety Element and Environmental Justice Element) - \$600,000
 - ii. E-Plan Submission for Planning Entitlements - \$150,000
 - b. Application due - July 1, 2020
 - c. Funded projects - completed by December 2023
2. City Council resolution required



RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council:

1. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to submit a grant application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for up to \$750,000 as part of the Local Early Action Planning Program;
2. Approve the two projects identified by staff (Housing Element Update and e-Plan submission software) as part of the grant application;



RECOMMENDATION (CONT.)

3. Upon award of the grant, authorize an increase in revenue up to the amount of \$750,000 to account number 9341700-334100 and appropriate expenditures in the same amount to account number 9341700-440210; and
4. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the HCD grant application including making minor, non-substantive changes, and to sign all documents and instruments necessary to complete the transaction, including, but not limited to agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary to complete grant funded activities.

