



Housing Authority City Council Memorandum

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: FEBRUARY 25, 2020
HOUSING AUTHORITY MEMBERS

FROM: OFFICE OF HOMELESS SOLUTIONS WARD: 2

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR, AND ACCEPTANCE OF, A STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION TRANSFORMATIVE CLIMATE COMMUNITIES IMPLEMENTATION GRANT FOR THE EASTSIDE CLIMATE COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVE FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$28,200,000; PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT FOR THE COLLABORATIVE STAKEHOLDER STRUCTURE FOR THE EASTSIDE CLIMATE COLLABORATIVE TRANSFORMATIVE CLIMATE COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE; HOUSING PROJECT COMMUNITY BENEFITS AGREEMENT WITH WAKELAND ENTRADA LP - SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

ISSUE:

Adoption of a Resolution authorizing application for, and acceptance of, a State of California Department of Conservation Transformative Climate Communities Implementation Grant ("Grant") for an amount not to exceed \$28,200,000 for the Eastside Climate Collaborative Initiative ("Initiative"); Approval of a Partnership Agreement for the Collaborative Stakeholder Structure for the Initiative and of a Housing Project Community Benefits Agreement with Wakeland Entrada LP.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the Transformative Climate Communities Program administered through the California Department of Conservation for an amount not to exceed \$28.2 million to implement clean energy, smart growth, and affordable housing projects in the greater Eastside Neighborhood, and authorizing the acceptance of the Grant upon award;
2. Upon receipt of Grant funds, authorize an increase in revenue and an appropriation of expenditures in an amount up to \$28.2 million in the Grants & Restricted Programs Fund, Housing Authority Division;
3. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to sign and execute all documents necessary in connection with the application for and the acceptance and implementation of the Grant, including agreements and payment requests which may be necessary to complete grant funded activities, and to make any minor and non-substantive changes thereto;

4. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the attached Partnership Agreement for the Collaborative Stakeholder Structure for the Eastside Climate Collaborative Transformative Climate Communities Initiative, including making any minor and non-substantive changes;
5. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the attached Housing Project Community Benefits Agreement with Wakeland Entrada LP and the Housing Authority, including making minor and non-substantive changes; and
6. Approve the list of eight projects identified in Attachment 4 for the Eastside Climate Collaborative Transformative Climate Communities Initiative.

That the Housing Authority:

1. Authorize the Executive Director, or designee, to execute the attached Housing Project Community Benefits Agreement with Wakeland Entrada LP and the City, including making minor and non-substantive changes.

BACKGROUND:

In 2018, the City and County of Riverside jointly applied for approximately \$34 million in Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) Implementation Grant to fund housing, smart transit, and urban greening in the Downtown and Eastside of Riverside. This grant was not awarded, however, the County and City were awarded a TCC Planning Grant in the amount of \$170,000 to develop a full Implementation Grant application. The City was also invited by the State Strategic Growth Council to resubmit a new application for a 2019/20 TCC Implementation Grant. The City has been working with various community partners (represented as signatories in the attached Partnership Agreement – Attachment 2) to create a program centered in the Eastside, with a cohesive program of projects that would benefit area residents in the Eastside over a five-year Grant implementation period.

DISCUSSION:

In early 2019, the City of Riverside, led by the Housing Authority and Public Works Transportation Division staff, in partnership with the Riverside Transportation Agency, Wakeland Housing and Development Corporation, U.C. Riverside Center for Environmental Research and Technology, Western Riverside Council of Governments, Riverside Community Health Foundation, and a variety Eastside Community partners, began required public outreach for the upcoming TCC Implementation Grant application, eventually gathering over 270 unique public comments through presentations at standing community events, and at two specific TCC Planning Grant outreach meetings held in October and November. TCC Implementation Grant community outreach utilized innovative technology, including an interactive “story map” and survey, that were recently recognized by the Inland Empire Economic Partnership’s, “Turning Red Tape into Red Carpet” awards as an innovative use of technology.

The City’s TCC Implementation Grant is entitled “Eastside Climate Collaborative” and has the goal of producing public health and environmental benefits through the reduction of emissions from sources of air pollution within a Project Area that extends in the Eastside from the transit node at UCR, to the Downtown Metrolink station with the Entrada housing project being the center of the project area. A TCC Implementation Grant area map is attached as Attachment 5.

The TCC Implementation Grant has the overall policy goals of producing public health and environmental benefits through the reduction emissions from sources of air pollution within a Project Area that includes much of the Eastside Neighborhood; with the goals of achieving health equity and improving public health by connecting and investing in Project Area residents; and ensuring healthy and active living by improving and increasing access to health-promoting systems and environments.

The full TCC Implementation Grant proposal is due on February 28, 2020. If the grant amount of \$28,200,000 is awarded, it will fund the Entrada affordable housing project as well as smart transit projects, park improvements, urban greening, and workforce development projects and programs. A list of potential projects to be funded are included in Attachment 4.

At the time this staff report was drafted, the Partnership Agreement with various community partners and the Housing Project Community Benefits Agreement were still being circulated among multiple grant partners for signature, which have a separate approval process. Staff has received verbal agreements from its partners and the signed agreements will be routed to the City Clerk's Office before the City Council meeting date of February 25, 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT:

If awarded, the TCC Implementation Grant will provide an increase in revenue up to the amount of \$28,200,000. Grant funds will be deposited in the Grants & Restricted Programs Fund, Housing Authority account 9409300-334300, and funds in the same amount will be appropriated in the Grants & Restricted Programs Fund, Housing Authority account 9409300-440210. The TCC Implementation Grant is a reimbursable grant and matching funds are not required.

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Attachments:

1. TCC Grant Resolution
2. Partnership Agreement
3. Housing Project Community Benefits Agreement
4. Proposed Grant Projects and Budget
5. Proposed Project Area Map