



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: FEBRUARY 16, 2021

FROM: OFFICE OF HOMELESS SOLUTIONS WARD: 2

SUBJECT: SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENTS WITH GRID ALTERNATIVES, SANTA ANA WATERSHED PROJECT AUTHORITY, TREEPEOPLE, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA RIVERSIDE CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY, RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY HEALTH FOUNDATION, COMMUNITY SETTLEMENT ASSOCIATION, AND COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING, HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION AND WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE TRANSFORMATIVE CLIMATE COMMUNITIES IMPLEMENTATION GRANT PROJECTS; AND FIRST AMENDMENT TO PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT FOR THE COLLABORATIVE STAKEHOLDER STRUCTURE FOR THE EASTSIDE CLIMATE COLLABORATIVE TRANSFORMATIVE CLIMATE COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE TO ADD RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A PROJECT PARTNER

ISSUES:

Approval of Subrecipient Agreements with Grid Alternatives, Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, TreePeople, University of California Riverside Center for Environmental Research and Technology, Riverside Community Health Foundation, Community Settlement Association, and County of Riverside Department of Housing, Homelessness Prevention and Workforce Solutions to implement the Transformative Climate Communities Implementation Grant projects; and approval of First Amendment to Partnership Agreement for the Collaborative Stakeholder Structure for the Eastside Climate Collaborative Transformative Climate Communities Initiative to add the Riverside Unified School District as a Project Partner.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve Subrecipient Agreements with Grid Alternatives, Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, TreePeople, University of California Riverside Center for Environmental Research and Technology, Riverside Community Health Foundation, Community Settlement Association, and County of Riverside Department of Housing, Homelessness Prevention and Workforce Solutions to implement the Transformative Climate Communities Implementation Grant projects;
2. Approve the First Amendment to Partnership Agreement for the Collaborative Stakeholder Structure for the Eastside Climate Collaborative Transformative Climate Communities Initiative adding the Riverside Unified School District as a Project Partner;

3. Following the execution of an Implementation Grant Agreement with the State of California, authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute Subrecipient Agreements with Grid Alternatives, Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, TreePeople, University of California Riverside Center for Environmental Research and Technology, Riverside Community Health Foundation, Community Settlement Association, and County of Riverside Department of Housing, Homelessness Prevention and Workforce Solutions, and to make any amendments thereto that may be necessary to implement the projects in accordance with State requirements; and
4. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the First Amendment to Partnership Agreement for the Collaborative Stakeholder Structure for the Eastside Climate Collaborative Transformative Climate Communities Initiative, including making minor and non-substantive changes.

BACKGROUND:

The Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) Implementation Grant has the overall policy goals of producing public health and environmental benefits through the reduction of emissions from sources of air pollution within a Project Area that includes much of the Eastside Neighborhood.

In 2020, the City applied for a \$28.2 million TCC Implementation Grant to fund housing, smart transit, and urban greening in the Downtown and Eastside Neighborhoods of Riverside. The grant proposal entitled “Eastside Climate Collaborative” envisioned a diverse set of projects by the City of Riverside and partner agencies with 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 University of California Riverside (UCR) to the Downtown Metrolink station, with the Entrada housing project being the center of the project area. The goals of the proposal included 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 healthy environments.

On February 25, 2020, the City Council approved Resolution No. 23550, authorizing the submission of the TCC Implementation Grant application and the execution of any agreements, assurance, extensions, amendments or other documents as may be necessary in connection with acceptance and implementation of the grant, and also authorized the appropriation of grant funds in an amount up to \$28.2 million to the Grants & Restricted Programs Fund, Housing Authority Division (Attachment 1).

DISCUSSION:

In July of 2020, the City and its partners were notified by the State Strategic Growth Council of an award of \$9,080,894 for the TCC Implementation Grant and an additional \$22,121,206 under the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program (AHSC) to fund completion of the Entrada Housing Project at 7th and Chicago Streets, as well as smart transit projects, expansion of the Vine Street Mobility Hub, park improvements, urban greening, and workforce development projects and programs within the TCC Implementation Grant Project Area (Attachment 2). The awarded Grant package is valued at \$31,202,100, exceeding the original application request, and is believed to be among the highest awards ever received by the City. The AHSC component of the grant will go directly to the City’s application partner, Wakeland Housing and Development

Corporation, to fund the Entrada affordable housing project and to the City and Riverside Transit Agency to fund associated transit projects. Additional authorizations and separate funding documents required for the AHSC program award will be brought to the City Council and Housing Authority Boards later this year for their review and approval.

The Strategic Growth Council wants the City to begin implementing the TCC Implementation Grant by early March and have all projects operational by early April of this year, which would require the City to expedite the execution of the TCC Implementation Grant Agreement with the State and a Subrecipient Agreement with each partnering agency that is leading the implementation of a TCC project component. Before any Subrecipient Agreements can be executed, the Implementation Grant Agreement with the State of California and the First Amendment to the Partnership Agreement for the Collaborative Stakeholder Structure for the Eastside Climate Collaborative Transformative Climate Communities Initiative must be executed. To meet this deadline, the City Attorney has reviewed the draft TCC Implementation Grant Agreement and drafted Subrecipient Agreements for all the TCC project-leading partners, which include Grid Alternatives, Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, TreePeople, University of California Riverside (UCR) Center for Environmental Research and Technology, Riverside Community Health Foundation, Community Settlement Association, and County of Riverside Department of Housing, Homelessness Prevention and Workforce Solutions. Each Subrecipient Agreement, in accordance with State requirements, will be for a four-year term and will articulate the specific Grant deliverables, project/program timing, billing, reporting, and administrative requirements expected of each partner. Specific projects to be implemented by each partner are outlined in Attachment 5. Because the Subrecipient Agreements are still being reviewed by partners and the attachments thereto are still being finalized, they are not in final form and attached to this staff report. A final executed Implementation Grant Agreement with the State of California is expected in March of this year. All executed Subrecipient Agreements will be made available as resources on the TCC Grant Project webpage¹.

In addition to the funding allocations detailed below, the Strategic Growth Council is working with City staff and its partners on finalizing the TCC Indicator Tracking Plan funding allocation of an additional \$444,000, which will be distributed among the partners. Once this funding allocation has been finalized, the project scopes and budgets for the subrecipients can be finalized.

The Strategic Growth Council has requested that the City amend the Partnership Agreement for the Collaborative Stakeholder Structure for the Eastside Climate Collaborative Transformative Climate Communities Initiative (Attachment 4) to include Riverside Unified School District as a Project Partner.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact of the TCC Implementation Grant package is \$31,221,206. The TCC Implementation grant award is \$9,100,000; \$13,003,254 of AHSC program funding will go directly to the City's application partner Wakeland Housing and Development Corporation to complete the Entrada Housing Project. The City, Wakeland, and Riverside Transit Agency will also split an additional \$9,117,952 in AHSC transit grant funds to complete projects associated with the Entrada Project. Additional authorizations and separate funding documents required for the AHSC program award will be brought to the City Council and Housing Authority Boards later this year for their review and approval.

¹ <https://www.riversideca.gov/homelessssolutions/housing-authority/grants/transformative-climate-communities-program-tcc-grant>

On February 25, 2020, the City Council authorized the supplemental appropriation of up to \$28.2 million in TCC Implementation Grant funds to the Grants & Restricted Programs Fund, Housing Authority Division. The following TCC Implementation Grant expenditure accounts will receive funding in the amounts specified below:

TCC Implementation – Admin	Account No. 9409300-440210	\$1,813,213
TCC Solar Installations	Account No. 9409310-440210	\$1,988,000
TCC WECAN Xeriscape	Account No. 9409320-440210	\$ 592,417
TCC Tree Planting	Account No. 9409330-440210	\$1,139,049
TCC Data Collection	Account No. 9409340-440210	\$ 666,000
TCC Community Engagement	Account No. 9409350-440210	\$1,215,441
TCC Displacement Avoidance	Account No. 9409360-440210	\$ 156,500
TCC Workforce Development	Account No. 9409370-440210	\$1,085,380
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		Total \$8,656,000

The remaining \$444,000 in grant funding for the TCC Indicator Tracking Plan will be appropriated to the project accounts listed above once the City and the Strategic Growth Council have identified which of the existing partners will receive a portion of these funds.

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Attachments:

1. February 25, 2020 Staff Report
2. Project Area Map
3. TCC Implementation Grant Award Letter
4. First Amendment to Partnership Agreement
5. Grant Project List and Budget