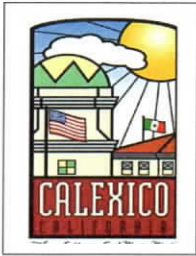


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AGENDA STAFF REPORT

DATE: December 16, 2020

TO: Mayor and City Council

APPROVED BY: Miguel Figueroa, City Manager 

PREPARED BY: Christopher Velasco, Contract Planner 

SUBJECT: Approval of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Calexico Authorizing Application for, and Receipt of, Local Government Planning Support Grant Program Funds

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Recommendation:

The Planning division recommends that the City Council approve the following resolution:

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Calexico Authorizing Application for, and Receipt of, Local Government Planning Support Grant Program Funds.

Background:

On January 27, 2020 the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Local Government Planning Support Grant Program Funds (LEAP) for approximately \$119,040,000 as part of the LEAP Program. LEAP is made available as a portion of the Local Government Planning Support Grants Program pursuant to Chapter 3.1 of Health and Safety Code (Sections 50515.03 (Chapter 159, Statutes of 2019). The Program provides funding to jurisdictions for the preparation and adoption of planning documents, process improvements that accelerate housing production, and facilitate compliance in implementing the sixth cycle of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment or RHNA. The City of Calexico is eligible for \$150,000 in funds from the LEAP Program; the Planning Division intends to apply for the full allotment in order to improve planning processes, accelerate housing production and implementing the sixth cycle of RHNA. A key application requirement is to approve a resolution for the application and receipt of the LEAP program funds.

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Discussion & Analysis:

The LEAP program is part of a larger initiative formerly known as the Local Government Planning Support Grants Program, which was established as part of the 2019-20 Budget Act. The 2019-20 Budget Act provides a breath of support, incentives, resources and accountability to meet California’s housing goals.

Some specific elements include:

- Planning Support (local and regional planning grants)
- Incentives (Pro-housing preference and infill incentive grants)
- Funding Resources
- Accountability (penalties for noncompliant housing plans)
- Reform (collaborative processes to reform regional housing needs)

This legislative initiative provides one-time grant funding to regions and jurisdictions for technical assistance, preparation and adoption of planning documents, and process improvements. The goals of the Program are to (1) accelerate housing production; and (2) facilitate compliance to implement the sixth cycle of the regional housing need assessment (RHNA).

This funding source would allow for the City of Calexico to make significant strides in improving our planning process, implement structural changes to Title 17 of the Calexico Municipal Code in order to accelerate housing production and implement required changes for compliance with the sixth cycle of RHNA. This funding source will pay for these changes which otherwise would have to come from the General Fund.

Fiscal Impact:

There will be no impact to the General Fund.

Coordinated With:

City Manager, Miguel Figueroa

Exhibits:

1. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Calexico Authorizing Application for, and Receipt of, Local Government Planning Support Grant Program Funds

Exhibit 1:

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF CALEXICO AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR, AND RECEIPT OF, LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANNING SUPPORT GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Health and Safety Code 50515 et. Seq, the Department of Housing and Community Development (Department) is authorized to issue a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) as part of the Local Government Planning Support Grants Program (hereinafter referred to by the Department as the Local Early Action Planning Grants program or LEAP); and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Calexico desires to submit a LEAP grant application package ("Application"), on the forms provided by the Department, for approval of grant funding for projects that assist in the preparation and adoption of planning documents and process improvements that accelerate housing production and facilitate compliance to implement the sixth cycle of the regional housing need assessment; and

WHEREAS, the Department has issued a NOFA and Application on January 27, 2020 in the amount of \$119,040,000 for assistance to all California Jurisdictions;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Calexico ("Applicant") resolves as follows:

SECTION 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to apply for and submit to the Department the Application package;

SECTION 2. In connection with the LEAP grant, if the Application is approved by the Department, the City Manager of the City of Calexico is authorized to submit the Application, enter into, execute, and deliver on behalf of the Applicant, a State of California Agreement (Standard Agreement) for the amount of \$ 150,000.00, and any and all other documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate to evidence and secure the LEAP grant, the Applicant's obligations related thereto, and all amendments thereto; and

SECTION 3. The Applicant shall be subject to the terms and conditions as specified in the NOFA, and the Standard Agreement provided by the Department after approval. The Application and any and all accompanying documents are incorporated in full as part of the Standard Agreement. Any and all activities funded, information provided, and timelines represented in the Application will be enforceable through the fully executed Standard Agreement. Pursuant to the NOFA and in conjunction with the terms of the

Standard Agreement, the Applicant hereby agrees to use the funds for eligible uses and allowable expenditures in the manner presented and specifically identified in the approved Application.

ADOPTED ON December 16, 2020, by the City Council of the City of Calexico by the following roll-call vote count:

- AYES:
- NOES:
- ABSENT:
- ABSTAIN:

Rosie Arreola-Fernandez, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gabriela T. Garcia, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Carlos Campos, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF IMPERIAL) SS.
CITY OF CALEXICO)

I, Gabriela T. Garcia, City Clerk of the City of Calexico do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2020-_____ was passed and adopted by the City Council at a regular session held on the 16th day of December, 2020 by the following vote to-wit:

- AYES:
- NOES:
- ABSTAIN:
- ABSENT:

Gabriela T. Garcia, City Clerk