



DATE: December 16, 2009

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Public Works Department

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL TO ACCEPT \$1,517,100 IN GRANT FUNDS FROM UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND APPROPRIATE THESE FUNDS TO THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends that the City Council accept \$1,517,100 in grant funds from United States Department of Energy (DOE) awarded to the City of Oceanside, appropriate these funds to the Public Works Department for Phase I energy efficiency planning, retrofits and the Transportation Management Center project, and authorize the City Manager to execute the grant agreement and any supporting documents.

BACKGROUND

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 appropriated funding for DOE to award formula-based grants under the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG). The purpose of the EECBG program is to assist grant awardees in creating and implementing strategies to reduce fossil fuel emissions in a manner that is environmentally sustainable and, to the maximum extent practicable, maximizes benefits for local and regional communities; reduce total energy use; and improve energy efficiency in the building sector, transportation sector, and other appropriate sectors.

The City was eligible to apply for \$1,517,100 from the EECBG program for development of a program to reduce energy consumption and energy costs through efficiency improvements at City buildings and development of the Transportation Management project. In July 2009, the City Council authorized application for funding from the Department of Energy, Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program.

The City was awarded the EECBG grant funds with an effective date of September 9, 2009. All funds must be obligated by September 7, 2012.

ANALYSIS

This is a one-time grant that the City proposes to use to complete the HVAC equipment retrofit and energy management control system installation at the Civic Center; replace inefficient lighting fixtures and/or bulbs throughout City buildings with high-efficiency

lighting fixtures and/or bulbs; develop an energy footprint for all City buildings; and provide partial funding for the Transportation Management Center project.

A condition of the grant agreement is that the City pays a cost share of \$587,466 in addition to the \$1,517,100 in grant funds for a total commitment of \$2,104,566 for the above-described projects.

DOE has approved the City's use of \$400,000 in *TransNet* funds earmarked for the Transportation Management Center project and \$187,466 of the current General Fund-supported HVAC equipment retrofit and energy management control system installation in the South building at the Civic Center project to meet the City's grant cost share.

FISCAL IMPACT

Staff recommends accepting the \$1,517,100 in grant funds and appropriating said funds to the Public Works Deferred Building Maintenance account (630607581.5320). Council approval requests for projects funded by the grant monies shall include a budget transfer request to move funds to the appropriate project account.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Does not apply.

COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT

Does not apply.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS

Does not apply.

RECOMMENDATION

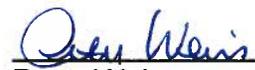
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