




COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Planning and Building Department



DATE: January 20, 2012
BOARD MEETING DATE: January 31, 2012
SPECIAL NOTICE/HEARING: None
VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jim Eggemeyer, Community Development Director 

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the application for grant funds for round two of the State Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentives Program to partially fund the San Mateo County Targeted General Plan Update

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution:

- A) Approving the application for grant funds for the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentives Program under the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84); and
- B) Appointing the Community Development Director, or designee, as agent, to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, payment requests, and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

BACKGROUND:

The Sustainable Communities Grant and Incentive Program is funded by Proposition 84, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006. This Act authorized the State legislature to appropriate \$90 million for planning grants and incentives that reduce energy consumption, conserve water, improve air and water quality, and provide other community benefits. These funds are available in three cycles, of which approximately \$18 million is available in this second round. The maximum award amount is \$1 million. The grants are managed and awarded by the State's Strategic Growth Council.

The grant program is focused on fostering the development of sustainable communities that promote equity, strengthen the economy, protect the environment and promote healthy, safe communities. The County Planning and Building Department is submitting a grant application under one of three grant focus areas; specifically, Local Sustainable

Planning. This focus area is intended to support the development of local plans and implementing regulations that support the State's emission reduction targets while creating sustainable communities.

DISCUSSION:

The County General Plan was adopted in 1986 and has not been comprehensively revised since that time, although specific elements, such as Housing, have been updated periodically. On July 16, 2007, the State Office of Planning and Research notified San Mateo County that the General Plan is in need of revision. In 2004, the Planning and Building Task Force also identified a need to revise the General Plan.

The Planning and Building Department intends to apply for approximately \$750,000 for a targeted General Plan Update that will incorporate principles of sustainability throughout its elements. The Update process will also include amendments to the implementing Zoning Regulations. This Update will complement and leverage current efforts to update the County's Housing Element, Energy Efficiency and Climate Change Policies, and area plans, such as the North Fair Oaks Plan and the Midcoast Local Coastal Program. The end result will be a significantly revised General Plan and implementing regulations with a greater focus on sustainable development.

In 2010, your Board adopted a similar Resolution in support of a similar grant application for \$1 million for the first round of grant funding. The County was not awarded funding in this initial funding round. County staff is scaling back the scope of the Update for this new application, and providing additional information requested by the State to make the application more competitive. It is hoped that this application will have a stronger chance of receiving grant funding than in round one. The State has changed the required Resolution language from the first round so a new Resolution of support by the Board is needed to apply for this second round. The grant applications are due February 15, 2012 and funding is anticipated to be awarded in May of this year. After funding is awarded, a funding agreement will be executed.

The proposed Resolution contributes to the 2025 Shared Vision outcome of a Livable Community by allowing the County to proceed with a General Plan Update that will promote San Mateo County as a sustainable community where growth occurs near transit, and that promotes affordable, livable, connected communities.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the proposed Resolution as to form.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Submission of the grant application will have no immediate fiscal impact on the County.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Name of Proposal: San Mateo County Targeted General Plan Update

RESOLUTION A) APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT AND INCENTIVES PROGRAM UNDER THE SAFE DRINKING WATER, WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY, FLOOD CONTROL, RIVER AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2006 (PROPOSITION 84); AND B) APPOINTING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, OR DESIGNEE, AS AGENT, TO CONDUCT ALL NEGOTIATIONS, EXECUTE AND SUBMIT ALL DOCUMENTS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO APPLICATIONS, AGREEMENTS, PAYMENT REQUESTS, AND SO ON, WHICH MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE AFOREMENTIONED PROJECT

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided funds for the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentive Program under the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84); and

WHEREAS, the California Strategic Growth Council has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of this grant program, establishing necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures require all award recipients commit to threshold requirements; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the Strategic Growth Council require a resolution certifying the approval of application(s) by the Applicant's governing board before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the development of the proposal:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approves the filing of an application for the San Mateo County Targeted General Plan Update in order to become a more sustainable community; and
2. Certifies that applicant will have sufficient funds to develop the Proposal or will secure the resources to do so; and
3. Certifies that the proposal will comply with any applicable laws and regulations including being consistent with the State's Planning Priorities identified in Government Code Section 65041.1 and summarized below:
 - a. Promote infill development and invest in existing communities; and
 - b. Protect, preserve and enhance agricultural land and natural resources; and

- c. Encourage location and resource efficient new development; and
- 4. Certifies that threshold requirements outlined in the guidelines, including consideration of Ocean Protection Council Sea Level Rise Guidance will be met; and
- 5. Agrees to reduce, on as permanent a basis as feasible, greenhouse gas emissions consistent with California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (Division 25.5 (commencing with Section 3850) of the Health and Safety Code); any applicable regional plan; and
- 6. Agrees to meet the Collaboration Requirements of the focus area applicable to the Proposal; and includes all required documents in the application package; and
- 7. Appoints the Community Development Director, or designee, as agent, to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, payment requests, and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project(s).

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