



City of Sacramento City Council

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Meeting Date: 2/14/2012

Report Type: Consent

Title: Green Development Code: Request for Council Authorization to Apply for the State Sustainable Communities Planning Grant

Report ID: 2012-00188

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Pass a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application for grant funding under the State Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program in the amount of \$1,000,000.

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Presenter: None

Department: Community Development Dept

Division: Long Range Planning

Dept ID: 21001222

Attachments:

- 1-Description/Analysis
 - 2-Resolution Authorizing State Grant Submittal
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City Attorney Review

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City Treasurer Review

Reviewed for Impact on Cash and Debt
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Approvals/Acknowledgements

Department Director or Designee: Max Fernandez - 2/2/2012 2:32:49 PM



Description/ Analysis

Issue: The 2030 General Plan included a number of priority implementation measures that will help to promote a sustainable, livable, built environment for the City of Sacramento. One of these measures includes a comprehensive update to the zoning code which will be informed and directed by the 2030 General Plan and Climate Action Plan. This updated, reorganized code will be called the Green Development Code.

The Green Development Code will be developed in three phases. Phase I will Restructure and improve processes in the development code (including parking regulations, design review, and citywide housing programs) to make possible sustainable infill development that is economically feasible. Phase II will improve energy efficiency of new development as well as consolidate and update site development standards to improve public health and safety. Phase III will incorporate standards for better designed, healthy neighborhoods that are walkable, safe, and minimize the use of natural resources.

Staff proposes to apply for up to \$1 million in State Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program funding to help pay for the Green Development Code. On August 16, 2011 Council authorized staff to apply for State grant funding (Resolution No. 2011-482). However, Staff has recently been advised that the State will be requiring a resolution with specific language outlined in funding guidelines. The attached resolution satisfies the State's requirements.

Policy Considerations: The Green Development Code described in this report is consistent with the City's goals and policies as established in 2030 General Plan and Sustainability Master Plan. These policies include:

- **Goal LU 2.6 - City Sustained and Renewed.** Promote sustainable development and land use practices in both new development and redevelopment that provide for the transformation of Sacramento into a sustainable urban city while preserving choices (e.g., where to live, work, and recreate) for future generations.
- **Goal LU 2.5 - City Connected and Accessible.** Promote the development of an urban pattern of well-connected, integrated, and accessible neighborhoods corridors, and centers.
- **Goal U 6.1 - Adequate Level of Service.** Provide for the energy needs of the city and decrease dependence on nonrenewable energy sources through energy conservation, efficiency, and renewable resource strategies.
- **Goal ER 6.1 - Improved Air Quality.** Improve the health and sustainability of the community through improved regional air quality and reduced greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change.

Environmental Considerations: There are no environmental considerations associated with this report. (Not a project under Section 21065 of CEQA and CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 (b)(4)).

Public Comments: General outreach will be conducted as a part of the public review process for the Green Development Code.

Sustainability Considerations: The Green Development Code is consistent with the City's Sustainability Master Plan goals and policies as adopted by the Council in December 2007, by building energy independence, combating global warming, improving public health, and making possible sustainable land use and transportation policies identified in the 2030 General Plan and the Sacramento Blueprint.

Rationale for Recommendation: A comprehensive zoning code update will require a significant amount of time and resources. The grant opportunities provided by the State government will provide the necessary funding to carry out this effort.

Financial Considerations: Staff is recommending the Council's authorization to pursue up to \$1,000,000 in grant funding. Existing staff resources as well as the services and supplies budget will be used to complete the Green Development Code and provide matching funds for the grant. If grant funding is successfully obtained for this effort, the grant funds would reimburse staff labor and other project costs, thereby reducing reliance on general fund resources.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): No goods or services are being purchased under this report.



RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE STRATEGIC GROWTH COUNCIL FOR FUNDING UNDER THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM; THE EXECUTION OF A STANDARD AGREEMENT IF SELECTED FOR SUCH FUNDING AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO; AND ANY RELATED DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM
(Proposal: Green Development Code)**

BACKGROUND

- A. The Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided 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).
- B. The Strategic Growth Council has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of this grant program, establishing necessary procedures.
- C. Said procedures require all award recipients commit to threshold requirements.
- D. 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.
- E. The applicant, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the development of the proposal.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. The City Council of the City of Sacramento approves the filing of an application for the Green Development Code in order to become a more sustainable community.
- Section 2. The City Council certifies that applicant will have sufficient funds to develop the Proposal or will secure the resources to do so.

- Section 3. The City Council 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
 - B. Protect, preserve and enhance agricultural land and natural resources; and
 - C. Encourage location and resource efficient new development.
- Section 4. The City Council certifies that threshold requirements outlined in the guidelines, including consideration of Ocean Protection Council Sea Level Rise Guidance will be met.
- Section 5. The City Council 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.
- Section 6. The City Council agrees to meet the Collaboration Requirements of the focus area applicable to the Proposal; and includes all required documents in the application package.
- Section 7. The City Council appoints the City Manager, 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).
- Section 8. The City Council, upon acceptance of the grant, approves the establishment of a grant program and the establishment of its associated revenue and expenditure budgets up to \$1,000,000.