



San Bernardino County

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**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

June 02, 2020

FROM

TERRI RAHHAL, Director, Land Use Services Department

SUBJECT

Grant Application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development and Acceptance of Non-Competitive Local Government Planning Support Grant Program Funds

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. Approve submittal of a grant application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) in the amount not to exceed \$750,000 for the Local Government Planning Support Grant Program (Program) for the period of the award date through December 31, 2023.
2. Adopt a resolution, as required by HCD and the Program, authorizing the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to proceed with the following actions on behalf of the County of San Bernardino:
 - a. Execute and file documents with HCD for submittal of the Program grant application.
 - b. Accept grant award and execute the standard agreement in the event of application approval by HCD.
3. Designate the Chair of the Board of Supervisors, Chief Executive Officer, or Director of Land Use Services, as required by resolution, as authorized to execute the Program grant application, Program documents and any non-substantive amendments, as defined by the Program application, subject to review by County Counsel.
4. Direct the Chair of the Board of Supervisors, Chief Executive Officer, or Director of Land Use Services to transmit all documents in relation to the Program grant application and any subsequent non-substantive amendments to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors within 30 days of execution.

(Presenter: Heidi Duron, Planning Director, 387-4431)

COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Ensure Development of a Well-Planned, Balanced, and Sustainable County.

Pursue County Goals and Objectives by Working with Other Agencies.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Approval of this item will not result in the use of additional Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). The non-competitive grant amount requested is the maximum of \$750,000, as identified in the Program. If funding is awarded, an adjustment will be included in a future quarterly budget report. The grant will fund consultant services and staff time for eligible activities performed by the Land Use Services Planning Division. There is no local match required for acceptance of the grant.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Approval of this item will authorize the Land Use Services Department (Department) to apply for and receive

Local Government Planning Support Grant Program funding from HCD. The purpose of the grant program is to help local agencies prepare, adopt, and implement plans and process improvements that accelerate housing production and facilitate implementation of the sixth cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA).

On January 27, 2020, HCD released a Notice of Funding Availability for approximately \$119 million as part of the Local Early Action Planning Grants Program (LEAP or Program). LEAP is made available pursuant to Chapter 3.1 of Health and Safety Code (sections 50515 to 50515.05). LEAP provides funding to local agencies for the preparation of planning documents, process improvements that accelerate housing production, consistent with the RHNA.

Program Funding Proposal

Eligible activities under the Program must support housing-related planning activities that facilitate accelerated housing production. The Department proposes to utilize Program funding to prepare and implement the 6th Cycle Housing Element, with additional land use and infrastructure planning to expand housing development opportunities in Bloomington.

The Department's proposed use of the funds would build on the extensive policies and land use planning in the Countywide Plan (CWP) and the Valley Boulevard Corridor Specific Plan. The funding proposal includes the preparation of the 6th Cycle Housing Element, analysis of development potential, including supporting infrastructure to expand housing development opportunities in Bloomington, which has been identified as a growth focus area in the CWP, and the related environmental compliance documents.

Required Resolution and Delegation of Authority

A fully executed resolution authorizing the application for and receipt of Program funds is required by HCD as part of the grant application package. The standard resolution requires the delegation of authority to the Chair, Executive Officer or other designee to enter into a standard agreement in the event of HCD's approval of the grant application. In accordance with County policy 05-13, acceptance of the grant will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

PROCUREMENT

N/A

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by (Jason Searles, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on May 1, 2020; Finance (Kathleen Gonzalez, Administrative Analyst III, 387-5412) on May 12, 2020; County Finance and Administration (Robert Saldana, Deputy Executive Officer, 387-5423) on May 15, 2020.