



City Council Agenda Report WALK-ON Agenda Item No. 7.f.

DATE: July 25, 2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

APPROVED BY: Rene Salas, City Manager

SUBMITTED BY: Rene Salas, City Manager

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 23-85, AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING UNDER THE TRANSFORMATIVE CLIMATE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM AS ADMINISTERED BY THE CALIFORNIA STRATEGIC GROWTH COUNCIL

SUMMARY: In partnership with ActiveSGV, a non-profit advocacy supporting a sustainable San Gabriel Valley, the city desires to apply for a grant offered by the California Strategic Growth Council under the Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) program. The project we are seeking to fund is a community engagement process to develop a list of projects with the goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends City Council:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 23-85, authorizing the submittal of an application for grant funding under the TCC program offered by the California Strategic Growth Council; and
2. Authorize City Manager or designee to execute all documents as the signature authority.

FISCAL/FINANCIAL IMPACT: No fiscal impact at this time

DISCUSSION:

The TCC Program funds community-led development and infrastructure projects that achieve major environmental, health, and economic benefits in California's most disadvantaged communities. TCC empowers the communities most impacted by pollution to choose the strategies and projects best suited to achieve their community vision and enact transformational change. All with data-driven milestones and measurable outcomes. Since 2018, the California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) has awarded over \$326 million in TCC grants to 30 of the most disadvantaged communities in California through a competitive process. TCC is funded through the State General Fund and cap-and-trade dollars at work through California Climate Investments.

In partnership with Active SGV, city staff plans to apply for the funds to begin a community engagement planning project in which community members would identify and prioritize planning projects and strategies for future implementation.

Planning a Sustainable South El Monte will be a community-driven planning process that will result in a list of priority projects that reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, improve public health and environmental benefits, and expand economic opportunity and shared prosperity in the City of South El Monte.

In partnership with Active San Gabriel Valley, and in alignment with the General Plan and Zoning Code, the City of South El Monte will facilitate community outreach to help identify and prioritize planning projects, with a focus on sustainable transportation, parks and open space, economic development, and affordable housing opportunities. Outreach activities include community workshops and surveys. Based on community feedback and project feasibility, the City will seek potential funding opportunities to implement the top priority projects.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- A. Resolution No. 23-85

ATTACHMENT A

RESOLUTION NO. 23-85

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH EL MONTE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING UNDER THE TRANSFORMATIVE CLIMATE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM AS ADMINISTERED BY THE STRATEGIC GROWTH COUNCIL

WHEREAS, in 2016 the Legislature and the Governor of the State of California provided funds for the Transformative Climate Communities Program, established by Assembly Bill 2722 (2016); and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Growth Council is responsible for the administration of this grant program, including developing guidelines and selection criteria; and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Growth Council released the application guidance on March 8th, 2023, with a due date of August 1st, 2023; and the Property is subject to a flowage easement specific to regulations and oversight by the Army Corp of Engineers, among other state and federal standards, regulations and restrictions; and

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

WHEREAS, the City of South El Monte is authorized to apply for and accept a Transformative Climate Communities grant if awarded, and authority to execute all related documents

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. that the City of South El Monte approves the filing of an application for a Transformative Climate Communities grant for the funding year 2023 to be submitted no later than August 1st, 2023.

Section 2. The City of South El Monte certifies that Lead Applicant, in partnership with its Co-Applicants, will have sufficient resources to execute the strategies and projects that are outlined in the grant application.

Section 3. The City of South El Monte appoints the City Manager, or designee, as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, and payment requests that may be necessary for competition of the aforementioned strategies and projects

Section 4. that the City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this resolution, which shall take effect immediately upon adoption

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 25th day of July 2023.

Gloria Olmos, Mayor

ATTEST:

Donna G. Schwartz, City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS:
CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE)

I, Donna G. Schwartz, City Clerk of the City of South El Monte, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution, being Resolution No. 23-85, was duly passed and approved by the City Council of the City of South El Monte at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 25th day of July 2023, and that said Resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmember(s):

NOES: Councilmember(s):

ABSENT: Councilmember(s):

ABSTAIN: Councilmember(s):

Donna G. Schwartz, City Clerk