



Legislation Text

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Development Services Department, Planning Services Division, recommending the Board adopt a Resolution authorizing submittal of a Fiscal Year 2010-11 Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Application to the California Strategic Growth Council for up to a \$1,000,000 grant. The grant will be used to develop a local implementation plan that will assist in achieving conformity with appropriate State and regional adopted plans, benchmark existing environmental conditions, enhance modeling capacity, and support the creation of a design framework for existing communities that will allow alternative development strategies. The grant has a three-year term.

FUNDING: Proposition 84, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006.

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Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost: No cost is associated with the application process. A cash match of \$732,000 will come from existing County-appropriated funds for related programs and projects, including staffing and costs related to the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan, Parks and Trails Master Plan and Traffic Model. Grant guidelines do not allow for environmental studies to be funded, however, it is anticipated the County will contribute \$290,000 in in-kind match to cover staff and possible consultant time for the completion of environmental reviews for programs already intended to be completed.

Background: On May 10, 2010, as part of the General Plan Workshop, the Board gave conceptual approval for the submittal of an application under the 2010-2011 Sustainable Communities Planning Grant for up to \$1,000,000 to provide additional funding resources for the County's ongoing General Plan Implementation program. Grant guidelines allow for targeted General Plan updates, along with General Plan implementation for tasks aligned with Senate Bill (SB) 375 objectives. Upon further discussion with State staff members overseeing the grant application, it became clear that some General Plan issues identified by the Board as requiring additional review and/or amendment fit the grant objectives. The attached DRAFT application (Attachment C) provides details about the proposed implementation plan. Some supporting documentation is still being developed or has not been received from collaborating agencies. If approved, a complete application will be filed with the Strategic Growth Council on or before the August 31, 2010 deadline.

Reason for Recommendation:

Action to be taken following Board approval: Board Clerk to provide Development Services with one Resolution signed by the Chairman and two certified copies of the Resolution.

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