



**Item #12-1-3
Action**

Strategic Planning Committee

January 5, 2012

Resolution Approving Application for Proposition 84 Strategic Growth Council Grant

Issue: Should SACOG submit an application for California Strategic Growth Council grant funds?

Recommendation: That the Strategic Planning Committee recommend that the SACOG Board approve a resolution to submit an application for grant funding through the 2011 California Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentive Program under Proposition 84.

Discussion: The California Strategic Growth Council has released a Request for Proposals (RFP) proposed through the 2011 Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentive Program. Cities, counties, councils of governments, joint power authorities and others are eligible to apply. In 2010, SACOG was awarded a \$750,000 grant for its project “Integrating and Implementing the Sustainable Communities Strategy and the Rural Urban Connections Strategy”. The anticipated project award range for this upcoming cycle is between \$100,000 and \$1 million. There will be three funding categories, which are described in the attachment. In two of these funding categories, council of governments and metropolitan planning organizations are eligible applicants.

All applicants must approve the standardized resolution (attached) and include it in their application. Applications are due on February 15, 2012. As of this writing, SACOG staff is developing the nature of potential grant application(s). Staff is requesting that the Board approve the resolution, which is required to apply. Also, staff is requesting that the Board give the Chief Executive Officer the authority to determine the exact nature and title of the application(s).

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**California Strategic Growth Council Sustainable
2011 Planning Grant and Incentives Program
(Proposition 84 Funds)**

The California Strategic Growth Council has released a Request for Proposals (RFP) with Guidelines for proposed funding through the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentive Program. Cities, counties, Councils of Governments, Joint Power Authorities and others are eligible to apply. The project award range is anticipated to be between \$100,000 and \$1 million. There will be three funding phases with a projected total funding amount of \$90 million. The first phase funded approximately \$18 million in 2010, and the same amount allocated for this second round. Funds will come from through Proposition 84, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006. The primary goal of this grant program is to develop and implement plans that reduce greenhouse gas emissions consistent with AB 32 and SB 375, and while achieving program objectives such as promoting infill and compact development, revitalizing urban and community centers, protect natural resources and agricultural lands.

The RFP with Guidelines document was formally released on July 6, and applications are due by February 15, 2012. There are three focus areas within the program:

Focus Area #1 – Local Sustainability Planning. The intent is to support the development and implementation of effective or innovative local plans that support the states AB 32 greenhouse gas emission targets and implement SB 375, while creating sustainable communities. Eligible projects include specific plans, infill plans, zoning ordinances, climate action plans, targeted general plan updates or elements. Cities and counties are eligible to apply.

Focus Area #2 – Regional SB 375 Plus. The intent is to fund MPOs, such as SACOG, to collaborate with local governments to implement SB 375 and AB 32 at the city or county level, within the context of healthy environment, economy and equitable access to regional resources and amenities. The outcome should support Sustainable Community Strategies that help meet the regional targets established by CARB. Projects can include multi-jurisdictional corridor plans, transit-oriented development plans, specific plans, and development of Sustainable Community Strategy or Alternative Planning Strategy.

Focus Area #3 – Regional Planning Activities with Multiple Partners. The intent is to support collaboration between cities and counties, JPAs, COGs or RTPAs to work with local governments to develop or implement regional plans that meet the intent of SB 732 (The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006). Project may include a county-wide Climate Action Plan, a rural Blueprint Plan, or plans that voluntarily implement SB 375.

Name of Proposal: _____ **(Project Title)**

WHEREAS, 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); and

WHEREAS, the 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;

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 _____ (Governing Body)

1. Approves the filing of an application for the (name of the proposal) 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
 - 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 _____ (designate position, not person occupying position), 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).