



City of Emeryville

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 9, 2020

TO: Christine Daniel, City Manager

FROM: Charles S. Bryant, Community Development Director

SUBJECT: Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Emeryville Authorizing Application For, And Receipt Of, \$65,000 In Local Government Planning Support Grant Program Funds To Partially Fund Preparation And Adoption Of The 2022-2030 Housing Element Of The Emeryville General Plan, And If Awarded To Appropriate The Funds To Grant Fund 254

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to apply for a \$65,000 Local Early Action Program (LEAP) planning grant from the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), and, if it is awarded to enter into a funding agreement with HCD, use the funds as proposed in the application, and if awarded to appropriate the funds to Grant Fund 254. The application is to use the funds to prepare the 2022-2030 Housing Element of the Emeryville General Plan with policies to increase production of affordable housing.

BACKGROUND

As part of the Local Government Planning Support Grants Program, the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has issued a Notice of Funding Availability for the program, which HCD calls the Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) Grants Program.

DISCUSSION

HCD set grant amounts by size of jurisdiction; for small cities such as Emeryville, it is \$65,000. Preparation of a Housing Element of the General Plan is an eligible grant purpose. Applications must show that the planning project will increase housing production. Applications are due by the end of June.

Emeryville's application is for funding to prepare the 2022-2030 Housing Element, introducing affordable housing policies for the City to consider. Such policies could include expedited review, financing and funding, inclusion in development of City-owned land, and application of objective development standards to affordable housing projects.

FISCAL IMPACT

This grant will fund preparation of the Housing Element of the General Plan, which the City is required by law to prepare. Without this grant funding, the City would have to pay for the development of the Housing Element from City funds. The resolution also appropriates the grant funds, if awarded to Grant Fund 254.

STAFF COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC

There has been no communication with the public about this grant application.

CONCLUSION

Staff requests that the City Council adopt the attached resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply to the State Department of Housing and Community Development for \$65,000 from the Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) Grants Program for the preparation of the 2022-2030 Housing Element, and, if it is awarded, to execute a funding agreement with HCD and use the funds as stated in the application, and if awarded to appropriate the funds to Grant Fund 254.

PREPARED BY: Diana Keena, Associate Planner

APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EMERYVILLE:



Christine Daniel, City Manager

ATTACHMENT

- Draft Resolution, including Exhibit A, Grant Application