

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Cynthia J. Kurtz, City Manager

DATE: December 11, 2000

SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM (CEIP) AND COMMUNITY CODE ENFORCEMENT PILOT PROGRAM (CCEPP) FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council adopt two resolutions authorizing the submittal of two grant applications to secure a Code Enforcement Incentive Program (CEIP) grant and a Community Code Enforcement Pilot Program (CCEPP) grant from the State of California Department of Housing Community Development.

BACKGROUND

The City has an opportunity to submit two grant applications to the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development with the purpose of supplementing the City's Code Enforcement Program to reduce the incidence of substandard housing in the Northwest Area.

1. Code Enforcement Incentive Program Grant
2. Community Code Enforcement Pilot Program Grant

Code Enforcement Incentive Program Grant (CEIP)

The Code Enforcement Incentive Program (CEIP) is a new program to make funds available as matching grants to cities and counties to increase staffing dedicated to local code enforcement efforts. The City's Code Compliance section will submit an application to use Grant funds to supplement existing local funding for code enforcement activities related to housing code maintenance. The City's Code Compliance unit already provides a number of effective interdepartmental code activities that qualify the city for supplemental funding. These funds would allow the City supplement and enhance code enforcement efforts in the areas of the city that have a high proportion of rental housing units.

Community Code Enforcement Pilot Program Grant (CCEPP)

The Community Code Enforcement Pilot Program (CCEPP) is a new three-year pilot program to make grant funds available for cities to create a code enforcement program to reduce the incidence of substandard housing. The program is intended to fund creative and coordinated efforts to address health and safety issues associated with substandard housing.

The Planning and Permitting Department and the Public Health Department will submit this grant application jointly to the Department of Housing and Community Development with the goal to improve the City's Housing stock by identifying housing violations involving lead-based paint problems and to improve communications with owners, residents, and neighbors on the hazards of lead-based paint in pre-1978 residential housing in the Northwest area. Childhood lead poisoning is one of the most common pediatric health problems in the United States today, and it is entirely preventable. Lead is a poison that affects virtually every system in the body and it is particularly harmful to the developing brain and nervous system of fetuses and young children. The most common source of lead is lead-base paint that was widely used in homes built before 1978.

FISCAL IMPACT

These grants are for three years and there is a required match of 25%, 50% and 75% in years one through three, respectively. Utilizing existing code compliance personnel would provide the required matching funds and allow staff to enhance programs without expending general fund resources. It is anticipated that funding announcements will be made in January of 2001.

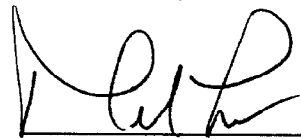
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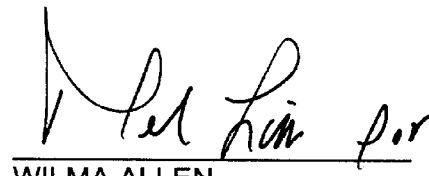

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