

STAFF REPORT



MEETING DATE:	12/19/2011
SUBJECT:	Approve Proposition 84 Sustainable Communities Grant Application (Round Two)
AGENDA ITEM:	4-7
STAFF CONTACT:	Daniel Wayne

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the board:

1. Approve Resolution No. 11-18 authorizing the application for round two of the Proposition 84 Sustainable Communities Planning & Incentive Program; and
2. Authorize the executive director to execute and submit all applicable grant documents and funding agreements.

DISCUSSION:

Round two of the Proposition 84 Sustainable Communities Planning Grant & Incentive Program was recently approved by the Strategic Growth Council (SGC) (see attached grant announcement). A resolution certifying approval by the applicant's governing board is required to submit an application.

A grant application has not yet been prepared, but will consist of tasks necessary to carry out the agency's Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) work plan consistent with Senate Bill 375 (SB 375) and previous board approval. Staff is working closely with partner agencies and various community stakeholders on a collaborative approach and scope-of-work. Applications are due by February 15, 2012. The completed proposal will be included in the February agenda packet.

ALTERNATIVES:

The board may decline to participate in this grant program. This is not recommended as such funds are needed to carry out SCS-related planning efforts. Except for competitive grants provided through Proposition 84-funded programs, no dedicated funding source has been provided to assist the agency in meeting SB 375 requirements.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Staff is actively seeking opportunities to collaborate with partner agencies. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) has reviewed and concurs with the staff recommendation. The SGC evaluates proposals and awards grants. The California Department of Conservation serves as grant administrator for this program.

FINANCING:

Funding is provided via the Proposition 84 Sustainable Communities Planning Grant & Incentive Program. Approximately \$18 million is available in the current grant cycle. Proposals must be at least \$100,000 but not greater than \$1 million. Staff will be requesting approximately \$500,000. No local match is required.

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Daniel S. Little, AICP, Executive Director

Attachments: Grant Program Announcement
Resolution No. 11-18

California Strategic Growth Council

Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentive Program 2011 Request for Proposals

INTRODUCTION

On behalf of the Strategic Growth Council (SGC), the Department of Conservation manages competitive grants to cities, counties, and designated regional agencies to promote sustainable community planning and natural resource conservation. The grant program supports development, adoption, and implementation of various planning elements. The Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program offers a unique opportunity to improve and sustain the wise use of infrastructure and natural resources through a coordinated and collaborative approach.

2011 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Department of Conservation (DOC), Division of Land Resource Protection (DLRP), Planning Grant and Incentive Program has released the round two Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Request for Proposals (RFP) funded through the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Act of 2006 (Proposition 84). DOC has allocated approximately \$18 million of Proposition 84 funds for round two. The funds awarded will support development, adoption, and implementation of Sustainable Community planning elements throughout the State, including, but not limited to, Climate Action Plans and General Plan amendments.

The grants awarded from this solicitation will cover up to a three-year project period. Grant requests for amounts from \$100,000 to \$1,000,000 will be considered.

APPLICATION PROCESS

DOC is utilizing the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool (FAAST) system to facilitate the application and review process, and to conserve paper.

All applicants submitting proposals for funding through this grant must submit a complete electronic application using the FAAST system, by 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, FEBRUARY 15, 2012. Late applications will not be accepted.

The application process through the FAAST system can be accessed through the link: <https://faast.waterboards.ca.gov>

The 2011 RFP, which describes eligibility, program requirements, the application process, and the evaluation criteria, is posted on the SGC website at: <http://www.sgc.ca.gov/meetings/20111102/pgip-guidelines-2011.pdf>.

For technical questions about the State Water Board's FAAST application, please contact FAAST staff by phone at (866) 434-1083, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., or by email at faast_admin@waterboards.ca.gov

For questions regarding this grant solicitation, please contact the DOC Planning Grant and Incentive Program staff by phone at (916) 322-3439, Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., or by email: SGCSustainableCommunities@conservation.ca.gov.

RFP WORKSHOPS

The DOC Planning Grant and Incentive Program Staff will hold workshops around the state in early 2012, with dates, times and locations to be announced.

HISTORY OF THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT AND INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The SGC/DOC Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentive Program 2010 awarded projects can be reviewed at http://www.sgc.ca.gov/selected_apps_2010.html.

RESOLUTION



RESOLUTION NUMBER:	11-18
SUBJECT:	Certifying Approval to Submit a Round Two Proposition 84 Sustainable Communities Planning & Incentive Grant Program Application

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided funds for the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant & Incentive 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; and

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 Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency:

1. Approves the filing of an application for the 'Shasta County Regional SCS Collaborative' 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 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. Authorizes the executive director, 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.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of December 2011, by the Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency.

Leonard Moty, Chair

Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency