



COUNTY of VENTURA

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Board of Supervisors
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Subject: Ratification of the Submission of an Application for Funding to the Southern California Association of Governments for Regional Early Action Planning 2.0 Housing and Infill on Public and Private Lands Pilot Program in the Amount of \$756,500 to Assess City and County Owned Lands for the Development of Affordable Housing

Recommendations:

It is recommended your Board:

1. Ratify the Submission of an Application for Funding to the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) for Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2.0 Housing and Infill on Public and Private Lands (HIPP) Pilot Program in the Amount of \$756,500 to Assess City and County Owned Lands for the Development of Affordable Housing

FISCAL/MANDATES IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact at this time. County staff will return to your Board with a resolution and request appropriations should the County be awarded funding.

FY 2023-24 Budget Projections

FY 2023-24 Budget Projection for County Executive Office - Division 1220				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Actual	Estimated Savings/(Deficit)
Appropriations	\$ 1,491,790	\$ 1,491,790	\$ 1,491,790	\$ 0
Revenue	\$ 1,491,790	\$ 1,491,790	\$ 1,491,790	\$ 0
Net Cost	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

Background:

SCAG received \$246 million in grant funds for the REAP 2.0 grant program from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). The County of Ventura is part of the SCAG region and is an eligible applicant for the REAP 2.0 program funds. REAP 2.0 has the following program objectives:

- Accelerate infill development that facilitates housing supply, choice, and affordability
- Affirmatively Further Fair Housing
- Reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled

To meet the REAP 2.0 objectives, SCAG created Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH) and released three notices of funding available (NOFA) that included NOFAs for Lasting Affordability, Regional Utilities Supporting Housing Pilot Program and HIPP Pilot Program. The HIPP Pilot Program was designed to scale development of surplus and/or excess publicly owned lands that can be redeveloped with affordable or mixed income housing.

Discussion:

In response to the HIPP Pilot Program NOFA, County Executive Office staff, in collaboration with multiple cities and special districts, applied for funding to establish a regional approach to scale up infill sites and reduce barriers for the development of affordable housing. Multiple infill sites were identified by County and City partners and if awarded, funds would be utilized to identify additional sites, utilize consultants to research the infrastructure needs for development of selected sites, conduct environmental studies, and conduct analyses and recommendations related to each site's feasibility for affordable housing development.

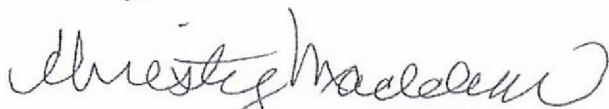
SCAG announced its request for application for the HIPP Pilot Program on May 10, 2023, with applications due to SCAG on July 10, 2023. Due to the short time to prepare the application documents and your Board's meeting schedule, staff were unable to come to your Board for approval prior to submission of the application. The County Executive Office approved the submission of application for this grant opportunity. The grant application was submitted on July 10, 2023.

It is anticipated that SCAG will notify applicants of funding in fall 2023.

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This item has been reviewed by the Auditor-Controller and County Counsel. If you have questions, please contact Christy Madden at 805.654.2679 or Chelsea Russell at 805.654.5146.

Sincerely,



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