

CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2010

AGENDA ITEM No. 12

CONSENT CALENDAR

RESOLUTION

Authorize the City Manager to enter into grant contract for the Catalyst Projects for Sustainable Strategies Pilot Program (Brent Butler, Manager- Planning Division)

Recommendation:

Authorize the City Manager to:

- A. Negotiate and enter into a contract with the Department of Housing and Community Development for the purpose of securing grant funds to implement three of the six three-year goals, including: 1) Enhance economic vitality; 2) Improve public facilities and infrastructure, and 3) Create a healthy community; and
- B. If grant funding is awarded, direct that the City Manager, on behalf of the City Council, accept and appropriate grant proceeds for the Catalyst Projects for Sustainable Strategies Pilot Program.



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Date: February 16, 2010

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Brent A. Butler, AICP, CFM, Planning Manager

Via: Alvin D. James, City Manager

Subject: RESOLUTION authorizing City Manager to enter into grant contract for the Catalyst Projects for Sustainable Strategies Pilot Program

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Background

The State of California will select only six development projects as Catalyst Projects in communities throughout California to incentivize sustainable communities and test innovate strategies designed to:

- Increase housing supply and affordability
- Improve jobs and housing relationships
- Stimulate job creation and retention
- Enhance transportation modal choices that reflect community values
- Address blighted properties
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase energy conservation and independence

Purpose

The purpose of this grant is to preserve existing housing subject to the provisions of the City's Rent Stabilization and Just Cause Eviction Ordinance, to enhance non-motorized connections and intermodal improvements that may reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and to incentivize development of the City's first Leadership in Energy and

Environmental Design (LEED) gold rated building. If awarded, staff would need to return to the Council to seek authorization to expend grant funding.

Fiscal Impact

This is simply a request for authorization to negotiate and execute a contract for the purpose of securing grant funding for the Catalyst Projects for Sustainable Strategies Pilot Program. The grant does not require a local match. Therefore, there will not be an impact on the General Fund.

ATTACHMENT 1 – Resolution

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Resolution

Catalyst Projects for California Sustainable Strategies Pilot Program

LOCAL RESOLUTION REQUIREMENT

This is submitted in accordance with the grant request for proposals which specifically states, “A draft resolution may be submitted with the application if the governing board meeting schedule prohibits submission by the application deadline. Prior to any recommendation of funding, however, an adopted resolution is required.”

RESOLUTION NO. _____
CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF EAST PALO ALTO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A
CONTRACT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT FOR THE CATALYST PROJECTS FOR CALIFORNIA
SUSTAINABLE STRATEGIES PILOT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the City Council held a Strategic Planning Retreat on December 10, 2009 and reviewed the Mission Statement, Core Values and Three-Year Goals, as amended during the retreat; and

WHEREAS, the Council affirmed the importance of creating a healthy community by recognizing new trends that may have a positive impact on the City of East Palo Alto in the coming year, specifically noting the benefit of foundation focus on healthy communities, the new State green building code, public private partnerships, and the opening of a new food market; and

WHEREAS, the City Council promotes sustainable development, which is generally defined by governments worldwide, including the State of California, as development that protects natural resources, and systems such that current and future generations shall enjoy equal access to, and equal availability of, such resources; and

WHEREAS, the City has encouraged new green building by authorizing an extension of the entitlements for the first Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) project in the Gateway 101 Redevelopment Area, which may act as a catalyst for further sustainable economic growth and development; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Housing and Community Development has determined that the City of East Palo Alto needs 630 units to accommodate its Regional Housing Needs; and

WHEREAS, the need for affordable housing in the City is acute, as rental and owner-occupied housing in the City has become steadily more expensive. The citizens of the City wish to retain a balanced community with housing and jobs available to lower

income local households; and

WHEREAS, the City of East Palo Alto recognizes the need to improve mobility for pedestrians and bicyclist passing over State Highway 101 to enable access to jobs in the Gateway 101 Redevelopment Area; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of East Palo Alto, State of California, that:

The City Council authorizes the City Manager of the City of East Palo Alto to negotiate and enter into a contract with the Department of Housing and Community Development for the purpose of receiving grant funding through the Catalyst Projects for California Sustainable Strategies Pilot Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager, on behalf of the City Council, is authorized to accept and appropriate grant proceeds for the Catalyst Projects for California Sustainable Strategies Pilot Program.

David E. Woods, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Vince Ewing, City Attorney