

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to authority to apply for the Sustainable Communities Program for Civic Engagement, Equity, and Environmental Justice (SCP CEEJ) Grant.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, Bureau of Street Services (BSS), or designee, to prepare grant applications for the proposal as detailed on the May 2, 2023 City Administrative Officer (CAO) report, attached to the Council File.
2. INSTRUCT the General Manager, BSS, or designee, to report if the City is awarded the grants, to request authority to accept the grant awards, and to identify front funding.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that approval of the recommendations contained in the May 2, 2023 CAO report, attached to the Council File, will not result in a General Fund impact.

Fiscal Policies Statement: The CAO reports that the recommendations contained in the May 2, 2023 CAO report, attached to the Council File, comply with the City's Financial Policies.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On May 10, 2023, your Committee considered a May 2, 2023 CAO report relative to authority to apply for the SCP CEEJ Grant. According to the CAO, the SCP CEEJ, administered by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), provides technical assistance and resources to local government and transit agencies for the support of local planning efforts and enables implementation of the Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), also known as Connect SoCal.

The SCP CEEJ projects are funded through the Regional Early Action Planning Grant Program for 2021 (REAP 2.0) and Senate Bill 1 (SB1). The SCAG anticipates \$5 million to be available for SCP CEEJ projects. There is no pre-determined allocation or number of projects per county. The application due date is May 15, 2023. Award announcements are expected in the summer of 2023. The grant is reimbursable, will require front funding and invoices can be submitted for reimbursement through December 31, 2025. This Office has received one project proposal from BSS– Linking Warner Center as an Active Transportation Hub to Jobs and Housing. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations contained in the CAO report. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,
Transportation Committee

COUNCILMEMBER VOTE

HUTT: YES
PARK: YES
HERNANDEZ: YES
RAMAN: YES
YAROSLAVSKY: YES

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