



ITEM NO. 9

STAFF REPORT

DATE: NOVEMBER 5, 2019
TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: BILL SMITH, CITY MANAGER
PREPARED BY: MARK TOMICH, DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: APPROVE AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR SB 2 PLANNING GRANT FUNDS, RESOLUTION NO. R-94-19.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends that the City Council take the following action:

Adopt Resolution No. R-94-19, authorizing application for, and receipt of, SB 2 Planning Grants Program funds in the amount of \$160,000.

BACKGROUND

In 2017, Senate Bill 2 was adopted by the California Legislature and signed by the Governor. This bill included the "Building Homes and Jobs Act," which established a \$75 recording fee to increase the supply of affordable homes in California. Among other provisions, SB 2 authorized the Department of Housing & Community Development to provide up to \$123 million under the Planning Grants Program for assistance to cities and counties. Specifically, the intent of the funding is to help cities and counties:

- Accelerate housing production,
- Streamline the approval of housing development affordable to owner and renter households at all income levels,
- Facilitate housing affordability, particularly for lower- and moderate-income households,
- Promote development consistent with State Planning Priorities; and
- Ensure geographic equity in the distribution and expenditure of the funds.

This grant program is a non-competitive, over-the-counter process to eligible local governments to further the goals and intent noted above, and who have an HCD-compliant housing element

and have submitted a recent Annual Progress Report. Grant applications must propose activities in at least one of the following Priority Policy Areas:

- Rezoning for additional housing capacity without or lesser discretionary review requirements,
- Adopt objective design and development standards,
- Adopt Form based codes or specific plans which designate and rezone properties for additional housing capacity, including plan-level environmental analysis,
- Adopt approaches to encourage and facilitate accessory dwelling units (“ADUs”) and other innovative building types through actions above state law,
- Speeding up approvals and permit processing; or
- Housing-related infrastructure financing and fee reduction strategies.

Grant funds are allocated based on population size. The City of Colton is eligible for a grant of \$160,000 (cities under 60,000 population).

ISSUES/ANALYSIS

The City of Colton is in compliance with all grant criteria, including the requirement for an HCD-compliant housing element and having submitted a recent Annual Progress Report. Staff proposes to apply for grant funds to rezone properties identified by the recently adopted South Colton Livable Corridor Plan as suitable for higher-density residential and mixed use. The work program is expected to include environmental review, which would eliminate the need for future project-specific review.

Grant applications are due by November 30, 2019. Implementation and adoption of programs funded by the grant must be completed by June 30, 2022.

FISCAL IMPACTS

The attached Resolution will increase Misc. Grants Fund Revenue Account No. 225-5792-020 and increase appropriations in Misc. Grants Fund Professional Services Expenditure Account No. 225-6300-6313-2350 by \$160,000, which will be offset by grant funds received from State HCD.

ALTERNATIVES

Provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENT

1. RESOLUTION No. R-94-19