




**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
**Inter-Departmental Correspondence**  
Planning and Building Department



**DATE:** August 9, 2010  
**BOARD MEETING DATE:** August 24, 2010  
**SPECIAL NOTICE/HEARING:** None  
**VOTE REQUIRED:** Majority

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Jim Eggemeyer, Community Development Director 

**SUBJECT:** Adoption of a Resolution approving the application for grant funds for the State Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentives Program to partially fund a Targeted General Plan Update

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a Resolution:

- A) Approving the application for grant funds for the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentives Program under the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84); and
- B) Authorizing the Community Development 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 to complete the grant application and carry out the project in accordance with all relevant State and County procedures.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Sustainable Communities Grant and Incentive Program is funded by Proposition 84, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006. This Act authorized the State legislature to appropriate \$90 million for planning grants and incentives that reduce energy consumption, conserve water, improve air and water quality, and provide other community benefits. These funds are available in three cycles, of which \$22 million is available in this first cycle. The maximum award amount is \$1 million. The grants are managed and awarded by the State's Strategic Growth Council.

The grant program is focused on fostering the development of sustainable communities that promote equity, strengthen the economy, protect the environment and promote healthy, safe communities. The County Planning and Building Department is submitting a grant application under one of three grant focus areas; specifically, Local Sustainable

Planning. This focus area is intended to support the development of local plans and implementing regulations that support the State's emission reduction targets while creating sustainable communities.

**DISCUSSION:**

The County General Plan was adopted in 1986 and has not been comprehensively revised since that time, although specific elements, such as Housing, have been updated periodically. On July 16, 2007, the State Office of Planning and Research notified San Mateo County that the General Plan is in need of revision. The Planning and Building Task Force, created in 2004, also identified a need to revise the General Plan.

The Planning and Building Department intends to apply for \$1 million (the maximum award level) for a targeted General Plan Update that will incorporate principles of sustainability throughout all of its General Plan elements. The Update process will also include amendments to implementing regulations, including the Subdivision Regulations, Grading Ordinance, and portions of the Zoning Regulations, that will carry out new General Plan Policies and include specific measures to meet emission reduction targets. This will complement and leverage current efforts to update the County's Housing Element, Energy Efficiency and Climate Change Policies, and area plans, such as the North Fair Oaks Plan and the Midcoast Local Coastal Program. The end result will be a significantly revised General Plan and set of implementing regulations with a greater focus on sustainable development.

The grant applications are due August 31 and anticipated to be awarded in November of this year. After funding is awarded, a funding agreement will be executed.

The proposed Resolution contributes to the 2025 Shared Vision outcome of a Livable Community by allowing the County to proceed with a General Plan Update that will promote San Mateo County as a sustainable community where growth occurs near transit, and that promotes affordable, livable, connected communities.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the proposed Resolution as to form and content.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Submission of the grant application will have no immediate fiscal impact on the County.

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**RESOLUTION A) APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT AND INCENTIVES PROGRAM UNDER THE SAFE DRINKING WATER, WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY, FLOOD CONTROL, RIVER AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2006 (PROPOSITION 84); AND B) AUTHORIZING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 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 TO COMPLETE THE GRANT APPLICATION AND CARRY OUT THE PROJECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL RELEVANT STATE AND COUNTY PROCEDURES**

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**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided funds for the program shown above; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Strategic Growth Council has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of this grant program, establishing necessary procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, procedures established by the Strategic Growth Council require a resolution certifying the approval of an application by the applicant's governing board before submission of said application to the State; and

**WHEREAS**, if selected, the County will be required to enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the development of the proposal.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approves the filing of an application for the San Mateo County Targeted General Plan Update in order to become a more sustainable community.
2. Certifies that the County, as the applicant, understands the assurances and certification in the application.
3. Certifies that the County will have sufficient funds to develop the proposal or will secure the resources to do so.
4. Certifies that the proposal will comply with any applicable laws and regulations.
5. Authorizes the Community Development 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 to complete the grant application and carry out the project in accordance with all relevant State and County procedures.

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