

# CITY OF LONG BEACH

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> HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL City of Long Beach California

#### RECOMMENDATION:

- Adopt the attached Resolution in support of and authorizing the City Manager to execute documents to accept grant funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) under the Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant Program (EECBG);
- 2) Increase appropriations in the General Capital Projects Fund (CP201) in the Department of Public Works (PW), in the amount of \$3,838,473, representing the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant (EECBG) funds that have been awarded for the Municipal Energy Efficiency Building Retrofit project; and
- 3) Allocate to the Development Services Fund (SR137) in the Department of Development Services (DS) the amount of \$559,027, representing the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant (EECBG) funds that have been awarded for the Residential Energy Efficiency Rebate project. (Citywide)

### DISCUSSION

On June 22, 2009, the City of Long Beach submitted an application for the Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant Program (EECBG), which was provided through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 2009 (ARRA). The City of Long Beach was eligible for \$4,397,500 through the EECBG Program.

The purpose of the EECBG Program is to create and implement strategies to reduce the total energy use of the eligible entities, improve energy efficiency in the building sector, the transportation sector, and other appropriate sectors and reduce fossil fuel emissions in a manner that is environmentally sustainable.

The City submitted the EECBG application to fund two programs: 1) Municipal Energy Efficiency Retrofit Program (\$3,838,473) and, 2) Energy Efficiency Residential Rebate Program (\$559,027), both of which were eligible uses for funding under the EECBG Program.

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The Municipal Energy Efficiency Retrofit Program, which will fund energy efficient lighting, sensors and HVAC equipment at City facilities, is a partnership between the Office of Sustainability and the Department of Public Works.

The Energy Efficiency Residential Rebate Program, which will fund rebates for energy efficient devices, such as solar and tank-less hot water heaters and will fund rebates on building permits, is a partnership between the Office of Sustainability and the Department of Development Services.

This item was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda Trang and Budget and Performance Management Bureau Manager David Wodynski on January 28, 2010.

#### SUSTAINABILITY

The largest contributor to greenhouse gas emissions are buildings, and securing stimulus dollars helps make energy efficiency retrofits and installations feasible. The EECBG Program is an important step toward reducing the City and community's carbon footprint, benefiting all of Long Beach. Municipal building energy efficiency retrofits will save money, reduce the City's electricity use, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Residential rebates for installing energy efficient devices/systems will support green jobs, create a market for energy efficient products/supplies and save residents money on their electric bill.

# **TIMING CONSIDERATIONS**

City Council action is requested on February 16, 2010, to authorize commencement of these projects. EECBG Program funds were awarded on December 7, 2009, and the grant funding is for the period beginning December 7, 2009 and ending December 7, 2012. The period of performance for these grants will be 36 months and the City of Long Beach is required to obligate/commit all funds within 18 months from the effective date of the award. The City is then required to complete all projects within 36 months from grant award.

# **FISCAL IMPACT**

Total project costs are limited to the grant amount of \$4,397,500. The funding for this project is American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant (EECBG) funds from the federal Department of Energy (DOE). Since these funds are not yet appropriated, an appropriation increase of \$3,838,473 is requested in the General Capital Projects Fund (CP201) in the Department of Public Works (PW). The \$559,027 for the Residential Energy Efficiency Rebate project will be deposited in the Development Services Fund (SR137) in the Department of Development Services (DV) and, when utilized, appropriation increases will be requested through quarterly budget adjustments.

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# SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

PATRICK H. WEST CITY MANAGER

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# OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY ROBERT E. SHANNON, City Attorney 333 West Ocean Boulevard, 11th Floor Long Beach, CA 90802-4664

#### RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH IN SUPPORT OF AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING UNDER THE AMERICAN RECOVERY & REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) FOR THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (EECBG)

WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach recognizes that it is in the interest of the regional, state, and national economy to stimulate the economy; create and retain jobs; reduce fossil fuel emissions; and reduce total energy usage and improve energy efficiency within our jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant ("EECBG") funds are available through the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act EECBG Program for grants to eligible local governments for cost-effective energy efficiency projects; and

WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach is eligible for EECBG funding under the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act EECBG Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach is proposing to implement the energy efficiency project(s) described in Exhibit "A" in order to qualify for EECBG funds under the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as follows:

Section 1. The City of Long Beach supports and authorizes the submittal of the application to the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act EECBG Program for

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funds to execute the proposed project described in Exhibit "A".

The City Manager of the City of Long Beach is hereby Section 2. authorized and directed to apply for and accept funding through submission of an application to the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act EECBG Program for funds to execute the proposed project described in Exhibit "A".

If recommended for funding by the U.S Department of Energy, Section 3. the City Council authorizes the City of Long Beach to accept a grant award up to the amount of this application for Four Million Three Hundred Ninety-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$4,397,500), and that the City Manager of the City of Long Beach is hereby authorized and empowered to execute all necessary documents, contracts and agreements, and amendments hereto, to implement and carry out the purposes specified in the application.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption Section 4. by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City

City Clerk

