



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STATEMENT



July 10, 2018

File ID: 18-XXXX

TITLE

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA SUPPORTING THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA'S APPLICATION FOR THE AMERICAN CITIES CLIMATE CHALLENGE GRANT.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Council adopt the resolution.

SUMMARY

The City of Chula Vista's Economic Development Department, Office of Sustainability, is submitting an application for the American Cities Climate Challenge (ACCC). This grant is offered by the Bloomberg Philanthropies. 20 selected cities will receive a robust technical assistance and support package valued at more than \$2 million per city. The application submittal deadline is July 18, 2018. Staff is requesting Council approval of a resolution supporting the grant application.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The activity is not a "Project" as defined under Section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act State Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3) no environmental review is required.

The Director of Development Services has reviewed the proposed activity for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has determined that the activity is not a "Project" as defined under Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines because it will not result in a physical change in the environment; therefore, pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Thus, no environmental review is required.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Not applicable.

DISCUSSION

Through the American Cities Climate Challenge, Bloomberg Philanthropies will provide extensive support and resources to the 20 American cities most committed and best positioned to reduce climate pollution in the United States.

The American Cities Climate Challenge is open to the 100 most populous cities in America according to the 2010 census. This two-part competitive application process will help Bloomberg Philanthropies select the 20 cities— the “Leadership Cities”—most likely to lead America forward on climate. Cities will be evaluated on three criteria: Commitment, Ambition and Impact. The 20 selected cities will receive a robust technical assistance and support package valued at more than \$2 million per city to work on buildings and transportation. Eligible cities must submit an application by July 18 and the 20 Leadership Cities will be announced in the fall.

DECISION-MAKER CONFLICT

Staff has reviewed the decision contemplated by this action and has determined that it is not site-specific and consequently, the 500-foot rule found in California Code of Regulations Title 2, section 18702.2(a)(11), is not applicable to this decision for purposes of determining a disqualifying real property-related financial conflict of interest under the Political Reform Act (Cal. Gov’t Code § 87100, et seq.).

Staff is not independently aware, and has not been informed by any City Council member, of any other fact that may constitute a basis for a decision maker conflict of interest in this matter.

LINK TO STRATEGIC GOALS

The City’s Strategic Plan has five major goals: Operational Excellence, Economic Vitality, Healthy Community, Strong and Secure Neighborhoods and a Connected Community. This grant supports the healthy community goal by helping to support implementation of the 2017 Climate Action Plan (CAP) and carbon reducing strategies.

CURRENT-YEAR FISCAL IMPACT

The City is applying for the American Cities Climate Challenge grant. There is no current-year fiscal impact.

ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT

There is no ongoing fiscal impact at this time.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

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