

**CITY OF TEMECULA
AGENDA REPORT**

TO: City Manager/City Council

FROM: Luke Watson, Director of Community Development

DATE: April 28, 2020

SUBJECT: Adopt Resolution to Authorize Application For and Receipt of Local Early Action Planning Grant Program Funds (Long Range Planning Project Number LR20-0360)

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RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopt a resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TEMECULA AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR AND
RECEIPT OF LOCAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING GRANTS
PROGRAM FUNDS

BACKGROUND: In the 2019-20 Budget Act, Governor Gavin Newsom allocated \$250 million for all regions, cities, and counties to do their part by prioritizing planning activities that accelerate housing production to meet identified needs of every community. With this allocation, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) established the Local Early Action Planning Grant Program (LEAP) with \$119 million for cities and counties. LEAP provides one-time grant funding to cities and counties to update their planning documents and implement process improvements that will facilitate the acceleration of housing production and help local governments prepare for their 6th cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA), much like the SB2 Planning Grants.

The 2019-20 Budget Act provides a spectrum of support, incentives, resources, and accountability to meet California's housing goals. Some specific elements include:

- Planning Support (Local and regional planning grants (LEAP and REAP))
- Incentives (Pro-housing preference points on competitive funding applications)
- Additional funding resources
- Accountability (penalties for noncompliant housing plans)
- Reform (collaborative processes to reform regional housing needs)

On January 27, 2020, HCD released the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for approximately \$119 million under LEAP. Jurisdictions are eligible to participate in a non-competitive grant process for funds. Funds are determined by jurisdiction population. For a jurisdiction with a population between 100,000 to 299,999 residents and based on City of Temecula population size of 113,181 residents, the maximum available funding for the City of Temecula is \$500,000.

With the City Council's authorization, the City of Temecula will be applying to HCD for the maximum available grant funding authorized underneath the Planning Grants Program (PGP) provisions of LEAP for the following eligible planning activities:

- Quality of Life Master Plan Update
- Open Space and Land Use Analysis
- Transportation System Analysis

FISCAL IMPACT: If the City is successful at securing LEAP Program funds, the City may receive up to \$500,000 towards the cost of the Quality of Life Master Plan Update, Open Space and Land Use Analysis, and Transportation System Analysis. If awarded, the grant funds would offset the cost of these anticipated projects from the City's General Fund and CIP Budget.

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution