

Responses to Council Questions and Comments

11/04/2024

Item #9: Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or Designee to Submit an Application for an Amount Up to \$20,000,000 for the One Petaluma, Community Resilience Center (CRC) Community-Driven Investments for Change from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights, Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Program and Execute All Related Documents If Awarded

- **Question:** The staff report states that the fairgrounds site "presently contains structures ready for retrofit and use" for the proposed Resilience Center. Is there a map showing where this would be located on the fairgrounds site?
 - **Response:** Determining the location of a resiliency center is a task for the master planning process. Staff has applied for \$1.2 million of CDBG funding for master planning and conceptual layout. Staff believes grant award notification is imminent on that grant.

Regarding this application and the potential for a resiliency center, the resiliency center may include more than a single building. After the master planning process is complete, it may be advantageous to have a mixture of new construction and renovation of existing buildings to all work collectively as a community resiliency center/hub.
- **Question:** Is there a flyer available to distribute which shares the vision of the CRC? If the City is successful in the grant, what local costs are required?
 - **Response:** Here is the EPA press release announcing the grant program: <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/biden-harris-administration-announces-2-billion-fund-environmental-and-climate-justice>

Here is a link to the full Notice of Funding Opportunity: <https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2024-10/environmental-and-climate-justice-community-change-grants-program-notice-of-funding-opportunity-nofo-october-3-2024.pdf>

There are no local funding match requirements for either the CDBG grant or the proposed EPA grant.
- **Question:** When will the 2 barns that are currently red tagged be repaired or removed? Is this the area for the agenda project?
 - **Response:** The intent of the master planning process is to map out the future of the entire property, including an analysis of which buildings should be kept and renovated; which buildings need to be demolished; and where the preferred location(s) would be for a new structure. There is no specific target area for a resiliency center pending the results of that master plan.

There are currently two structures which have been given yellow tags by building inspectors, which include restricted use in Barn East, and Sheep & Swine West. There is one building on the grounds, Sheep and Swine East, which has been red-

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tagged. Removal of the building is recommended but has not yet been scheduled.