



DATE: June 3, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council through City Manager

FROM: Patrick Carter, Assistant to the City Manager

SUBJECT: Resolution Approving an Application for Funding and the Execution of a Grant Agreement and Any Amendments Thereto from the 2023-2024 Funding Year of the State CDBG Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Resilient Planning and Public Services (MIT-PPS) Program

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached Resolution Approving an Application for Funding and the Execution of a Grant Agreement and Any Amendments Thereto from the 2023-2024 Funding Year of the State CDBG Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Resilient Planning and Public Services (MIT-PPS) Program

BACKGROUND

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) originally allocated \$22.4 million for the Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) grant for resilient planning and public services program in the 2020. In 2021, staff submitted and was successfully awarded four grants totally approximately \$1 million.

HCD released a notice of funding availability in February 2024, detailing \$9,949,053 available for additional projects assisting local jurisdictions with mitigation-related infrastructure needs to support risk reduction from three primary hazards (wildfire, flooding, and earthquake).

On November 20, 2023, the Council approved a resolution accepting the public safety facilities strategic master plan and directed staff to prepare an RFP for design and project management services for construction of a new fire station / emergency operations center.

DISCUSSION

Staff has submitted an application for the CDBG-MIT program for \$1.32 million to develop the One Petaluma Resiliency Center at the Fairgrounds property on May 23, 2024. This project is directly aligned with the CDBG-MIT program goals listed above, and if awarded, the funding

would allow staff to advance development of the site, identify short- and long-term goals and objectives to include in the Master Site Plan, convene regular meeting of focused project engagement, and work with a consultant to manage, coordinate, and monitor the development of planning and design documents.

HCD staff provided a model resolution for the approval of an application for funding and execution of a grant agreement and any amendments thereto for the CDBG-MIT program for the abovementioned One Petaluma Resiliency Center project. HCD requires approval of the resolution (Exhibit A to Attachment 1) without modification.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

This agenda item was placed on the agenda for the June 3, 2024 Council meeting in accordance with the Brown Act.

COUNCIL GOAL ALIGNMENT

This grant application is consistent with direction given to staff at the November 20, 2023 City Council meeting accepting the public safety facilities strategic master plan.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Adopting of a resolution approving an allocation of funding, an application of funding, and execution of grant agreements is considered a discretionary action that could therefore be a “project” under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Nonetheless, adoption of this ordinance is exempt under the “common sense” exception in CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), which establishes the general rule for projects concerning which can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment as it can be seen with certainty that this Resolution will have a significant negative effect on the environment. Moreover, acceptance of the grant funds is exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15262 (Feasibility and Planning Studies) which exempts projects that “involving only feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions which the agency has not approved, adopted, or funded.” Here the grants will be used to study future projects that when known will be reviewed for CEQA compliance.

FINANCIAL IMPACTS

There are no financial impacts expected to result from approval of the attached resolution. Implementation of the projects for which funding is allocated are separate actions and will be addressed in the future.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution
- A. Exhibit to Resolution