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Dear Members of the Climate Action Commission,

Could someone give a synopsis of what occurred with the \$1,000,000 Cool Petaluma grant that was awarded, how much of that grant was accepted, and then what transpired to withdraw from the program?

I'm unclear, following all of the public relations push on the grant and program, what exactly happened. If I am understanding correctly, there was a decision the program itself was not a fit for Petaluma and a new version, which is locally based, has been developed, with continued access to online/info resources of the Cool Petaluma project - but no additional funds forthcoming and the community is now fundraising to continue a local program?

What are the budgetary implications of withdrawing from the Cool Petaluma program and not continuing?

I had not supported Cool Petaluma primarily because of limitations and nonexistent environmental elements, including habitat enhancement, awareness of and support for species - birds, wildlife and other living organisms, and the absence of an equity component in the program that was being offered.

It would probably be beneficial for the community for you to give a brief update at each of your meetings, at least for a while, as to the amount of \$ that came to Petaluma as a result of the \$1,000,000 grant award and then what was not further accepted and why, and how the decision to withdraw from the program is being addressed and changed locally.

If you have already provided this in the public setting at your CAC meetings, could you please refer me to the video or source so I can update my information?

Thanks,

Susan Kirks