

CITY OF YUBA CITY  
STAFF REPORT

**Date:** January 17, 2012  
**To:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the City Council  
**From:** Administration  
**Presentation By:** Darin E. Gale, Economic Development Manager

**Summary**

**Subject:** 2011 Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a resolution approving the application for grant funds for the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentives Program under the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84)  
**Fiscal Impact:** This grant application does not require a local match. All CEQA related costs are not payable under this grant program and will require future local funding if grant is awarded

**Background:**

The State of California, through the Strategic Growth Council, is requesting proposals for the second round of funding under the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentive Program. The Sustainable Communities Planning Grant is funded by Proposition 84, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006.

This grant program implements the vision of the Governor and Legislature to foster the development of sustainable communities throughout California. It is designed to help local governments meet the challenges of adopting land use plans and integrating strategies in order to transform communities and create long-term prosperity. Sustainable communities are to promote equity, strengthen the economy, protect the environment and promote healthy, safe communities. The primary goal of this grant program is to develop and implement plans that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and achieve the following objectives:

**Grant Objectives**

Improve Air and Water Quality	Promote Public Health
Promote Equity	Increase Housing Affordability
Increase Infill & Compact Development	Revitalize Urban & Community Centers
Protect Natural Resources & Ag Lands	Reduce Auto Usage & Fuel Consumption
Improve Infrastructure Systems	Promote Water Conservation
Promote Energy Efficiency & Conservation	Strengthen the Economy

Cities, counties, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), Joint Powers Authorities (JPAs), Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs), Councils of Governments (COGs), or combination thereof, are eligible to apply. It is anticipated that proposals funded under this program will be not less than \$100,000, nor greater than \$1,000,000 each. There is no local match required under this grant, although local financial participation is encouraged. In addition all CEQA related costs are not payable under this grant program and will require future local funding if grant is awarded.

**Analysis:**

City staff submitted a grant application for this grant in 2010 and the City was unsuccessful in receiving a grant award. Subsequently staff has met with the Strategic Growth Council to review our 2010 grant application. Although the City was not awarded grant funding, our application was very competitive. We believe an expanded project and key improvements to our application will make the Yuba City's Highway 20/Colusa Ave Community Plan grant application more competitive in this round of funding. The project entails creation of a specific plan for the Highway 20 corridor from the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge to the intersection of Highway 99 and completion of an updated Central City Specific plan.

We anticipate applying for a \$975,000 grant to implement the Yuba City Highway 20 Revitalization and Specific Plan Project. This grant application will help set the stage to improve one of our key corridors and economic vitality of the Highway 20 corridor from the bridge to Highway 99.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Under the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant, money spent on authorized expenses by the local agency will be 100% reimbursed by the State. As local funds are expended on program-related activities, proper documentation will be forwarded to the State for reimbursement. If grant is received, the cost of environmental studies for the Highway 20 Specific Plan will be required of the City or Redevelopment Agency

**Alternatives:**

Do not authorize the submission of an application under the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentive Program.

**Recommendation:**

Adopt a resolution approving the application for grant funds for the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentives Program under the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84).

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**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUBA CITY  
APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE SUSTAINABLE  
COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT AND INCENTIVES PROGRAM UNDER THE SAFE  
DRINKING WATER, WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY, FLOOD CONTROL, RIVER AND  
COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2006 (PROPOSITION 84)**

Yuba City Highway 20 Community Plan

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided funds for the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentives Program under the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84); and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Growth Council has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of this grant program, establishing necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures require all award recipients commit to threshold requirements;

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the Strategic Growth Council require a resolution certifying the approval of application(s) by the Applicant's governing board before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the development of the proposal:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Yuba City

Approves the filing of an application for the Yuba City Highway 20 Revitalization and Central City Specific Plan

1. in order to become a more sustainable community; and
2. Certifies that applicant will have sufficient funds to develop the Proposal or will secure the resources to do so; and
3. Certifies that the Proposal will comply with any applicable laws and regulations including being consistent with the State's Planning Priorities identified in Government Code section 65041.1 and summarized below:
  - a. Promote infill development and invest in existing communities
  - b. Protect, preserve and enhance agricultural land and natural resources; and
  - c. Encourage location and resource efficient new development; and
4. Certifies that threshold requirements outlined in the guidelines, including consideration of Ocean Protection Council Sea Level Rise Guidance will be met; and
5. Agrees to reduce, on as permanent a basis as feasible, greenhouse gas emissions consistent with California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (Division 25.5 (commencing with Section 3850) of the Health and Safety Code); any applicable regional plan; and

6. Agrees to meet the Collaboration Requirements of the focus area applicable to the Proposal; and includes all required documents in the application package; and

7. Appoints the City Manager, or designee, as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project(s).

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

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John Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Terrel Locke, City Clerk