



CITY of CALABASAS
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: MAY 18, 2020

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

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SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2020-1669, AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR, AND RECEIPT OF, LOCAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING GRANTS PROGRAM FUNDS.

MEETING DATE: MAY 27, 2020

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2020-1669 authorizing application for, and receipt of, up to \$150,000 from Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) Grant funding from the California State Department of Housing and Community Development.

BACKGROUND:

On January 27, 2020, the CA Department of Housing and Community Development released a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for LEAP Grants Program. LEAP is made available as a portion of the Local Government Support Grants Program pursuant to Chapter 3.1 of the CA Health and Safety Code. The NOFA specifies that approximately \$120 million of funding is available to all local governments under the Program. Funds from the LEAP Program are intended to be used by local government for the preparation and adoption of planning documents and process improvements that accelerate housing production, and facilitate

compliance in implementing the sixth cycle of regional housing needs assessment (RHNA).

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

The LEAP Grants Program is part of the broader Program formerly known as the Local Government Planning Support Grants Program, which was established as part of the 2019-2020 Budget Act. The Program provides a one-time grant funding to jurisdictions for technical assistance, preparation and adoption of planning documents. The over-arching goals of the Program are to 1) accelerate housing production; and 2) facilitate compliance to implement the sixth cycle of RHNA. Funding is available to every local government on a non-competitive basis, and is allocated by jurisdiction size based on population. With a population of approximately 24,000, Calabasas is allocated \$150,000 from the LEAP Grants Program.

As stated above, funds received from the LEAP Grants Program shall be used by a local government for the preparation and adoption of planning documents and process improvements that accelerate housing production and facilitate compliance with the sixth cycle RHNA. The following list includes specific efforts for which the City is eligible to use the funds:

- a) Rezoning efforts to comply with Housing Element requirements.
- b) Preparing and adopting Housing Elements of the General Plan that include an implementation component to facilitate compliance with the sixth cycle RHNA.
- c) Completing environmental clearance to eliminate the need for project specific review.

Based on the Guidelines, Staff recommends that the City seek \$150,000 to be used for the Housing Element update that includes an implementation component to facilitate compliance with the sixth cycle RHNA and streamlined CEQA review. These efforts would be initiated based on the Planning Commission's recommendations for the Housing Element update and Council approvals.

FISCAL IMPACT/SOURCE OF FUNDING:

There is no fiscal impact from the filing of the grant application. Should the application result in a grant award, the City would receive up to \$150,000 to be used for the preparation, adoption and implementation of efforts that streamline housing approvals and/or accelerate housing production.

REQUESTED ACTION:

Adopt Resolution No. 2020-1669 authorizing application for, and receipt of, up to \$150,000 from Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) Grant funding from the California State Department of Housing and Community Development.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Resolution No. 2020-1669
Attachment B: Notice of Funding Availability – Local Early Action Planning Grants Program