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NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT

CITY OF SACRAMENTO
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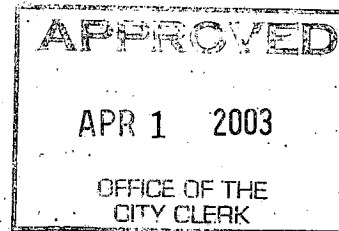
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City Council
Sacramento, California



Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Application for State Grant Funding for Code Enforcement

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: Citywide.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the Neighborhood Services Department to apply for State Housing and Community Development funding for a building code enforcement assistance grant under the state's Code Enforcement Grant Program (CEGP).

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FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: April 1, 2003

SUMMARY:

The Division of Codes and Standards of the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for code enforcement programs related to housing code maintenance or compliance assistance grants. The grant is for the purchase of capital expenditures that supplement or compliment local code enforcement and compliance activities such as purchases in the following categories: a) vehicles and related equipment, b) electronic equipment, c) office/neighborhood outreach equipment, d) inspection equipment, and e) property owner/tenant equipment. The grant requires the applicant's use, support, and maintenance of these grant acquired assets for a minimum of three years. It is the

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intent of the City of Sacramento, Neighborhood Services Department, Code Enforcement Division to apply for this grant opportunity.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION: None.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has announced the availability of funding for building code enforcement assistance grants under their Code Enforcement Grant Program (CEGP). The CEGP is a new program established to make grant funds available to cities and counties for capital expenditures that make local code enforcement programs more effective related to housing code maintenance or compliance. These supplemental grant funds can help the City of Sacramento's code enforcement program achieve significant improvement in the housing stock in current and potentially deteriorating neighborhoods. A strong code enforcement program can also play a key role in the preservation of affordable housing and avoid the displacement of owners and residents due to declining properties. Also, a dynamic code enforcement program can enhance and preserve the economic vitality of neighborhoods and communities in the city. The CEGP recognizes that multiple funding opportunities and an interdisciplinary approach with city code enforcement staff, local prosecutorial agencies, local health department, local building and planning departments, policing agencies, local housing agencies or other agencies working cooperatively can achieve successful code compliance in the city's diverse neighborhoods.

The state Housing and Community Development Department will award the grants on a competitive basis. The grant awards will be announced in May, 2003.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Although the CEGP grant program does not require a funding match, the grantees must have the capacity to financially and technically support their proposed capital asset(s) and the three-year proposed annual operating budget for their code enforcement program. Capital purchases to be requested from CEGP are estimated to be approximately \$150,000.00. Current code enforcement budget general funds and staffing will support the proposed capital purchases (i.e. surveillance cameras, two vehicles, one mobile office unit, laptops and vehicle mounts, particle masks, police radios, lead testing equipment, etc.).

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

There are no environmental impacts associated with this report.

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POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

Application for state grant opportunities which improve and make the City's Code Enforcement Program more effective is consistent with the city's goals to enhance and preserve the neighborhoods, establish and strengthen community and regional partnerships to enhance the quality of life, and to promote and support economic vitality.

ESBD EFFORTS:

No goods or services are being purchased under this report.

Respectfully submitted,


Max B. Fernandez, Area 1 Director
Neighborhood Services Department

Approved:


Richard Ramirez, Deputy City Manager

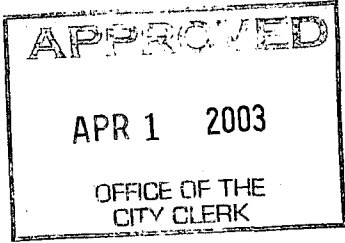
Recommendation Approved:


Robert P. Thomas
City Manager

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RESOLUTION NO. 2003-157

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF _____

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION, THE INCURRING OF AN OBLIGATION, THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO SECURE A CEGP GRANT FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

WHEREAS:

- A. The City of Sacramento, a city within the State of California, wishes to apply for and receive an allocation of funds through the Code Enforcement Grant Program.
- B. The California Department of Housing and Community Development (herein referred to as "HCD") has issued a Notice of Funding Availability ("NOFA") for the Code Enforcement Grant Program established by SB 1227 Burton (Chapter 26 of the Statutes of 2002), Health and Safety Code section 53533(a)6. Pursuant to the statute, HCD is authorized to approve funding allocations for the program, subject to the terms and conditions of the NOFA and program application forms.

IT IS NOW THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO THAT:

1. The City of Sacramento shall submit to HCD an application to participate in the Code Enforcement Grant Program in response to the NOFA issued February 14, 2003 which will request a funding allocation in an amount estimated at approximately \$150,000.00 for the purchase of the capital assets identified in the application to be used in the City of Sacramento jurisdiction. The application also commits the applicant to use, support, and maintain the capital assets acquired with grant funds for at least three years.
2. If the application for funding is approved, the City of Sacramento hereby agrees to use the funds for eligible capital asset(s) in the manner presented in the application as approved by HCD and in accordance with the NOFA and application package. It also may execute any and all instruments required by

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HCD for participation in the Code Enforcement Grant Program.

3. The City of Sacramento authorizes the City Manager or his designee to execute in the name of the City the application, the Standard Agreement, and all other documents required by HCD for participation in the Code Enforcement Grant Program.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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