

**CITY OF OAKLAND**  
**AGENDA REPORT**

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TO: Office of the City Administrator  
ATTN: Dan Lindheim  
FROM: Community & Economic Development Agency  
DATE: September 23, 2008

RE: **An Informational Report From The Community And Economic Development Agency Regarding The Utilization Of \$375,000 Allocated For Fiscal Year 2007-2009, From The Williams And Reliant Energy Settlements, For The Purpose Of Increasing City-Wide Energy Efficiency And Green Building Activities, Including The Number Of Staff Assigned, Whether Staff Have Assigned Duties Other Than Energy Related Work, And If Not, Who Is Performing Staff's Former Duties, Or If New Staff Has Been Hired For The Energy Related Work**

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**SUMMARY**

The City Council authorized CEDA to use \$375,000 of the settlement monies from the Williams and Reliant settlements for energy efficiency and green building activities for fiscal years 2007-2009. The authorization was to pay for 0.8 FTE Planner III with extra funds available for consultants if required. CEDA has detailed staff equal to the 0.8 FTE Planner III and begun extensive work on a mandatory Green Building Ordinance.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The funds authorized by Council, appropriating \$1.5 million from the Williams and Reliant Energy Settlement project (C256510) to the City Facilities Energy Conservation Projects Fund (4450), were received by the City of Oakland as part of a legal settlement. There is no impact to the General Fund.

**BACKGROUND**

The City Council at its June 19, 2007 meeting authorized \$375,000 of the approximately 4 million dollars received from legal settlements in the Williams and Reliant Energy cases by used by CEDA for energy efficiency and green building related activities.

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

Staff continues to work on activities specified in the Council action related to energy efficiency and green building. Heather Klein, Planner III in Major Projects, is devoting 50% of her time to working on green building issues, including the proposed mandatory green building ordinance. Ann Temple, Specialty Combo Inspector in Building Services, is devoting 30% of her time to green building ordinance and energy efficiency code issues. The combined, fully-loaded cost of those positions is approximately \$285,000. The additional \$85,000 is available for other

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activities including the training of staff in the green rating systems, LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) and Green Point Rating, which are proposed for use in the proposed mandatory green building ordinance.

Staff has conducted five stakeholder meetings with an approximate attendance of 100 people in support of the process of adopting a mandatory green building ordinance. Four staff members have completed Green Point rater training, with another three scheduled to begin training in the near future. Two staff are LEED certified, with one other staff member scheduled for testing in November 2008. A list of green resources are now included with all development applications. Staff has brought in outside experts to conduct five trainings for Planning and Building staff on various aspects of green building, alternative energy technologies and energy efficient appliances. There is also an internal information center to help inspectors become more familiar and comfortable with green building technologies.

### **SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES**

Economic: The City of Oakland economy will benefit from increased energy savings from the green building ordinance.

Environmental: The green building ordinance and other energy efficiency measures will reduce greenhouse gasses, reduce energy consumption and increase sustainability.

Social Equity: Mandatory green building ordinances will increase social equity opportunities by requiring all new residential housing to be more energy efficient.

### **DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS**

No changes to access have been identified.

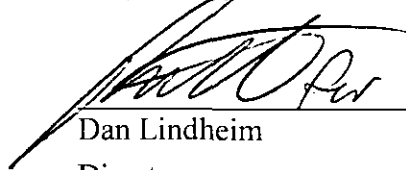
### **RECOMMENDATIONS AND RATIONALE**

No recommendation is contained in this informational report.

**ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Staff requests that the City Council receives and files this report.

Respectfully submitted,



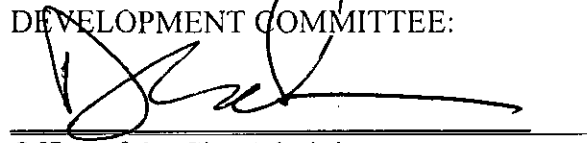
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