


City Attorney

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR OR DESIGNEE TO: (1) ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE TRANSFORMATIVE CLIMATE COMMUNITIES (TCC) PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY-EIGHT MILLION, TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$28,200.00) TO IMPLEMENT THE TCC PROGRAM, ADMINISTERED BY THE CALIFORNIA STRATEGIC GROWTH COUNCIL (SGC) AND DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION, FOR PROJECTS WITHIN OR CONTIGUOUS TO THE BETTER NEIGHBORHOODS, SAME NEIGHBORS INITIATIVE PROJECT AREA AND, (2) ADVANCE PAYMENTS TO CERTAIN PROJECT PARTNERS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$200,000), EITHER INDIVIDUALLY OR COLLECTIVELY, TO IMPLEMENT THE BETTER NEIGHBORHOODS, SAME NEIGHBORS INITIATIVE PROJECT

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2019, TCC Program, administered by the California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) and Department of Conservation, issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Round 3 of the TCC Program for implementation of grant funded activities, up to twenty-eight million, two hundred thousand dollars (\$28,200,000), that reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions through the development and implementation of neighborhood-level transformative climate community plans that include multiple, coordinated GHG emissions reduction projects that provide local economic, environmental, and health benefits to disadvantaged communities (“TCC Grant”); and

WHEREAS, to qualify for the TCC Grant, at least 51% of the Project Area must be covered by census tracts that rank, according to the CalEnviroScreen 3.0 scale, in the top 5% and the remainder of the Project Area covered by Low-income (AB 1550) or top 25% on the CalEnviroScreen 3.0 scale; and

WHEREAS, previously, the East Oakland neighborhoods of Brookfield Village/Columbia Gardens, Coliseum/Rudsdale/Lockwood/Havenscourt, Highland/Elmhurst, Sobrante Park, Stonehurst, and Melrose were the focus of the East Oakland Neighborhood Initiative, a community-led planning effort aimed at developing a new vision for East Oakland neighborhoods historically impacted by redlining, injustice, and divestment; and

WHEREAS, these East Oakland neighborhoods fall within census tracts that rank, according to the CalEnviroScreen 3.0 scale, in the top five (5) percent to twenty-five (25) percent most disadvantaged areas in the State of California, having high levels

of air pollution (a result of adjacency to heavy industrial activities and the region's busiest freeway), water pollution, unemployment, low birth weights, and extreme poverty; and

WHEREAS, multiple stakeholders, including East Oakland community leaders and organizations, developed the Better Neighborhoods, Same Neighbors Initiative to build upon the East Oakland Neighborhood Initiative and propose five (5) shovel-ready projects and four (4) transformative plans that would qualify for TCC funding; and

WHEREAS, the Better Neighborhoods, Same Neighbors Initiative would be implemented by the City with the following project partners: ACTS Community Development Corporation, Black Cultural Zone (BCZ), East Bay Permanent Real Estate Cooperative (EBPREC), East Bay Regional Park District (EBPRD), Higher Ground Neighborhood Development Corporation, Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation (OPRF), Planting Justice and Related California; and

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2020, City Council adopted a Resolution authorizing the City Administrator or designee to apply for, accept, and execute all related documents for the TCC Grant;

WHEREAS, SGC received four (4) TCC Implementation grant applications from the Cities of Oakland, Richmond, Riverside, and Stockton, and of these applications, the City of Oakland received the highest application score;

WHEREAS, SGC commended the strong community engagement in developing Oakland's "Better Neighborhoods, Same Neighbors" Initiative proposal vision for transformation and proposes a robust community oversight process;

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2020, SGC recommended that the City be awarded one (1) full TCC Program Round 3 Implementation Grant for the "Better Neighborhoods, Same Neighbors" Initiative;

WHEREAS, SGC will enter into a grant agreement with the City of Oakland to implement the Better Neighborhoods, Same Neighbors Initiative for a four-year implementation period;

WHEREAS, the implementation of the Better Neighborhoods, Same Neighbors Initiative relies on the City and several project partners, some of which are small Oakland-based nonprofit organizations who may require advance payment to implement certain project work;

WHEREAS, it is the intent that any advance payments to project partners will be reimbursed by SGC through available TCC Grant funds already committed to the City;

And, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: The City Council hereby authorizes the City Administrator or designee to: (1) accept and appropriate Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) Program Grant funds in the amount of Twenty-Eight Million, Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$28,200.00) to California Department of Conservation Fund (2139), CAO Administration (02111), Project (TBD), State Grant Miscellaneous (46229), to implement the TCC Program, administered by SGC and Department Of Conservation, for projects

within or contiguous to the Better Neighborhoods, Same Neighbors Initiative Project area and,

FURTHER RESOLVED: California Department of Conservation Fund (2139), CAO Administration (02111), Project (TBD), State Grant Miscellaneous (46229) will be used to advance payments to certain project partners in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000), either individually or collectively, to implement the Better Neighborhoods, Same Neighbors Initiative Project.

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the City Administrator or designee is authorized to negotiate and enter into further agreements with the Project Partners and/or the state SGC and Department of Conservation as the City Administrator or designee deems necessary; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that said agreements shall be reviewed and approved by the Office of the City Attorney for form and legality and placed on file in the Office of the City Clerk; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the City Administrator, or designee, is hereby authorized to complete all required negotiations, certifications, assurances and documentation required to accept, modify, extend and/or amend said agreements furthering the purpose of this Resolution.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FORTUNATO BAS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND PRESIDENT KAPLAN

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____
Asha Reid
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California

