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Council Action and Executive Summary

Item # 6 Ordinance/Resolution# 12-052

For Meeting of _____
 (Ordinance First Reading Date)

For Meeting of September 19, 2011
 (Adoption Date)

TITLE: A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE EFFORTS OF A REGIONAL CONSORTIUM STEERING COMMITTEE THAT IS PREPARING A SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES REGIONAL PLANNING GRANT TO THE US DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

PURPOSE(S) OF ACTION:

To endorse City assistance and participation on a Regional Consortium Steering Committee preparing a HUD planning grant application.

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| COUNCIL DISTRICT: ALL | | |
| <u>Drafter/Staff Contact:</u> David Weir | <u>Department/Section:</u> Community Development | <u>Phone:</u> 528-3067 |
| <u>City Manager Signature:</u> |  | |

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has initiated the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program. This program is intended for multi-jurisdictional planning efforts to address regional issues related to housing, land use, economic and workforce development, transportation, and infrastructure investment. The goals of the program are to provide for transportation choices; promote equitable, affordable housing; enhance economic competitiveness; support existing communities; coordinate policies and leverage investment; and value communities and neighborhoods. For federal fiscal year 2011, \$17,500,000 has been earmarked for regions with a population less than 500,000 persons.

The participation in the program requires the formation of a regional consortium including participation from the principal city, largest local government, regional planning agencies and non-profit organizations. Since the City of Las Cruces is the principal city and largest local government, City participation is necessary for a grant application. This resolution acknowledges and endorses City involvement on the Regional Consortium Steering Committee and its efforts to be awarded a HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant.

Dona Ana County is the lead agency supporting the Steering Committee efforts and will act as the fiscal agent if a grant is awarded. If a Sustainable Communities Planning Grant is awarded to the consortium, it will require a 20% match. The City has proposed their commitment to the consortium be in-kind, primarily by providing staff time and expertise.

SUPPORT INFORMATION:

1. Resolution.
2. Exhibit "A", Consortium Participants.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

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| Is this action already budgeted? N/A | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | See fund summary below |
| | No | <input type="checkbox"/> | If No, then check one below: |
| | <i>Budget Adjustment Attached</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Expense reallocated from: _____ |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Proposed funding is from a new revenue source (i.e. grant; see details below) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> | Proposed funding is from fund balance in the _____ Fund. |
| Does this action create any revenue? N/A | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Funds will be deposited into this fund: _____ in the amount of \$ _____ for FY ____. |
| | No | <input type="checkbox"/> | There is no new revenue generated by this action. |
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BUDGET NARRATIVE

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| N/A |
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FUND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:

| Fund Name(s) | Account Number(s) | Expenditure Proposed | Available Budgeted Funds in Current FY | Remaining Funds | Purpose for Remaining Funds |
|--------------|-------------------|----------------------|--|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:

1. Vote "Yes"; this will endorse the efforts of the Consortium Steering Committee and allow City staff to assist with their HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant application.
2. Vote "No"; this will not endorse the efforts of the Consortium Steering Committee nor allow City staff to assist with their HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant application.
3. Vote to "Amend"; this could allow the resolution to be modified to reflect any conditions the City Council feels is appropriate to endorse the efforts of the Consortium Steering Committee and allow City staff to assist with their HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant application.

4. Vote to "Table"; this could allow additional information on the Consortium to be provided before action on the resolution.

REFERENCE INFORMATION:

The resolution(s) and/or ordinance(s) listed below are only for reference and are not included as attachments or exhibits.

1. N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 12-052**A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE EFFORTS OF A REGIONAL CONSORTIUM STEERING COMMITTEE THAT IS PREPARING A SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES REGIONAL PLANNING GRANT TO THE US DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.**

The City Council is informed that:

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program requires a regional consortium for participation; and

WHEREAS, the HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant's regional consortium requires representation and participation from the principal city, largest local government, regional planning agencies and non-profit organizations from the region; and

WHEREAS, the City of Las Cruces is the principal city and largest local government organization in the southern New Mexico region which necessitates City participation; and

WHEREAS, the make-up of a Regional Consortium Steering Committee for the purpose of preparing a HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant is identified in Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, Dona Ana County, New Mexico, is coordinating the regional consortium ad hoc committee and grant application efforts; and

WHEREAS, City staff proposes to support and provide information to the Regional Consortium Steering Committee for the grant application; and

WHEREAS, City participation on the steering committee will not require a commitment of resources other than staff time.

NOW THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the governing body of the City of Las

Cruces:

(I)

THAT the Las Cruces City Council endorses the Regional Consortium Steering Committee (as identified in Exhibit "A") and its efforts to secure a HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant.

(II)

THAT City staff is hereby authorized to do all deeds necessary in the accomplishment of the herein above.

DONE AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2011.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

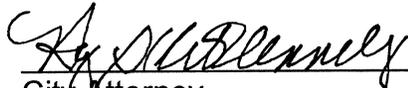
City Clerk

(SEAL)

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney

VOTE:

Mayor Miyagishima: _____
Councillor Silva: _____
Councillor Connor: _____
Councillor Pedroza: _____
Councillor Small: _____
Councillor Sorg: _____
Councillor Thomas: _____

EXHIBIT "A"

Consortium Steering Committee Members

Dona Ana County
City of Las Cruces
NMSU
Las Cruces MPO
El Paso MPO
SCCOG
Tierra Del Sol Housing Corp.
Colonia Development Council