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Council Action and Executive Summary

Item # 9Ordinance/Resolution# 12-109For Meeting of _____
(Ordinance First Reading Date)For Meeting of January 3, 2012
(Adoption Date)

TITLE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES UTILITIES DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR THE WATERSMART: WATER AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANT THROUGH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF RECLAMATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000.00 WITH A FIFTY-PERCENT (50%) COST SHARE REQUIREMENT (CASH OR IN-KIND) FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF AUTOMATIC METER READERS AND REBATE PROGRAMS FOR HIGH-EFFICIENCY TOILETS AND SMART IRRIGATION CONTROLLER TECHNOLOGY.

PURPOSE(S) OF ACTION:

To apply for a grant.

COUNCIL DISTRICT: ALL		
<u>Drafter/Staff Contact:</u> Elizabeth Vega	<u>Department/Section:</u> Finance/Grants	<u>Phone:</u> 575-541-2717
<u>City Manager Signature:</u>		

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

On November 9, 2011, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) released Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) No. R12SF80049 titled WaterSMART: Water and Energy Efficiency Grants for FY 2012. The U.S. President's FY 2012 budget request included \$18.5 million proposed for WaterSMART grants. The funding agency does require a recipient cost share of fifty percent (50%) or more of the project cost and an official resolution from the governing body recognizing that requirement. The resolution also requires the commitment of the applicant to work with BOR on any deadlines to ensure the success of a cooperative agreement if a grant is awarded. Applications for this FOA are due January 19, 2012.

On December 8, 2011, the Las Cruces Utilities Board approved the grant application for this project pursuant to Resolution 11-12-026. The Utilities Department will be submitting three proposals under the water conservation category of the funding announcement. The first proposal will be asking for \$50,000.00 to establish a smart water irrigation technology rebate program; the \$50,000.00 match will come from the water conservation account. The second proposal will be asking for \$50,000.00 to establish a high-efficiency toilet rebate program; the

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\$50,000.00 match will come from the water conservation account. The third proposal will be asking for \$200,000.00 for an automatic reading meters program; the \$200,000.00 match will be from the water administrative and general account as well as the initial procurement of seventeen Itron FC300 handheld data collectors and accessories.

SUPPORT INFORMATION:

1. Resolution.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

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"/> 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 2012.
	No	<input type="checkbox"/> There is no new revenue generated by this action.

BUDGET NARRATIVE

The Utilities Department will submit three proposals for a total request of \$300,000.00:

1. A request of \$50,000.00 to establish a smart water irrigation technology rebate program. The \$50,000.00 match has been set aside in the water conservation account.
2. A request of \$50,000.00 to establish a high-efficiency toilet rebate program. The \$50,000.00 match has been set aside in the water conservation account.
3. A request of \$200,000.00 to procure automatic reading meters. The \$200,000.00 match will come from the water administrative and general account as well as from the purchase of seventeen Itron FC300 handheld data collectors and related supplies.

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 authorize the City of Las Cruces to apply for the BOR grant.

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2. Vote "No"; this will prevent the City of Las Cruces from submitting a grant application.
3. Vote to "Amend"; this could affect the timeline of grant submittal.
4. Vote to "Table"; this could prevent the City from submitting a grant before the deadline.

REFERENCE INFORMATION:

N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 12-109

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The City Council is informed that:

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation offers WaterSMART: Water and Energy Efficiency Grants for FY 2012 to assist applicants with water conservation, energy-water nexus, benefits to endangered species, and water market projects; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires an official resolution from the applicant's governing body to assure the granting agency that the applicant is aware of the fifty-percent cost-sharing obligation and that we will work with the Bureau of Reclamation to meet deadlines to enter into a cooperative agreement if the City of Las Cruces is awarded funding; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds will be used for implementation of rebate programs for high-efficiency toilets and smart irrigation controller technology as well as procure automatic meter readers; and

WHEREAS, the match requirement will be met through budgeted funds in the water conservation account as well as through supplies already procured.

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

(I)

THAT the City of Las Cruces is authorized to apply for a grant opportunity from the Bureau of Reclamation in the amount of \$300,000.00 for three proposals.

(II)

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

DONE AND APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2012.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

(SEAL)

Moved by _____

Seconded by _____

VOTE:

- Mayor Miyagishima: _____
- Councillor Silva: _____
- Councillor Smith: _____
- Councillor Pedroza: _____
- Councillor Small: _____
- Councillor Sorg: _____
- Councillor Thomas: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney