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Council Action and Executive Summary

Item # 14 Ordinance/Resolution# 13-100

For Meeting of _____
(Ordinance First Reading Date)

For Meeting of January 7, 2013
(Adoption Date)

Please check box that applies to this item:

QUASI JUDICIAL LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE

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 \$200,000.00 WITH A FIFTY-PERCENT (50%) TOTAL PROJECT COST SHARE REQUIREMENT (CASH OR IN-KIND) FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF AUTOMATIC METER READERS.

PURPOSE(S) OF ACTION:

Authorization to apply for 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:

The Bureau of Reclamation is seeking proposals for its WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency Grant funding opportunity. Projects that are eligible must conserve water or result in other improvements that address water supply sustainability in the West. The funding agency does require a recipient cost share of fifty percent (50%) or more of the total 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 grant are due January 17, 2013.

The Utilities Department will be submitting one proposal that will be asking for \$200,000.00 for an Automatic Meter Reading Program; the \$200,000.00 match will be from the water administrative and general account. This program will increase water conservation and water use efficiency by installing Automated Metering Infrastructure (AMI) on single and multi-family residences. Existing residential water meters will be replaced with modernized technology that provides near real-time potable water consumption data to customers, enabling them to alter their water consumption, resulting in better management.

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SUPPORT INFORMATION:

- 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:
	Budget Adjustment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Expense reallocated from: _____
	Attached	<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: _____ Fund in the amount of _____ for FY _____.
	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	There is no new revenue generated by this action.

BUDGET NARRATIVE

The Utilities Department will submit one proposal for a total request of \$200,000.00 in order to procure automatic reading meters. The \$200,000.00 match will come from the water administrative and general account.

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

* pending adjustment

OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:

- Vote "Yes"; this will authorize the City of Las Cruces to apply for the BOR grant.
- Vote "No"; this will prevent the City of Las Cruces from submitting a grant application.
- Vote to "Amend"; this could affect the timeline of grant submittal.
- Vote to "Table"; this could prevent the City from submitting a grant before the deadline.

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REFERENCE INFORMATION:

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

1. Resolution 12-146.

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RESOLUTION NO. 13-100

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 \$200,000.00 WITH A FIFTY-PERCENT (50%) TOTAL PROJECT COST SHARE REQUIREMENT (CASH OR IN-KIND) FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF AUTOMATIC METER READERS.

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 2014 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 (50%) total project cost-sharing obligation and that the Utilities Department staff 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 procuring automatic meter readers; and

WHEREAS, the match requirement will be met through budgeted funds in the water administrative and general account.

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

(1)

THAT the City of Las Cruces is authorized to apply for a grant opportunity from the Bureau of Reclamation in the amount of \$200,000.00 for one proposal.

(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 _____, 2013.

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
Deputy