



Los Angeles County
Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead



Richard J. Bruckner
Director

August 1, 2017

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS'
SUSTAINABILITY PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM IN SUPPORT OF THE
COUNTY'S UPDATED 2030 CLIMATE ACTION AND ADAPTATION PLAN AND
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUSTAINABILITY PLAN
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Recommendation to authorize the Director of Planning to accept and implement a grant award under the Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) Sustainability Planning Grant (SPG) Program in support of Los Angeles County's (County) updated 2030 Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP).

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

Authorize the Director of Planning to accept a grant of \$200,000 worth of consultant services from SCAG and to transfer that award to the Chief Sustainability Officer for the purpose of developing a Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) inventory, which is the foundation of an updated 2030 CAAP and to execute all necessary documents to administer the grant.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommendation will enable the Chief Sustainability Officer to utilize the grant of consultant services from SCAG to develop a GHG inventory which will be a component of the baseline data collected in support of the County Sustainability Plan. These GHG data will be the basis for an updated 2030 CAAP to be established for the unincorporated communities of Los Angeles County which will be an element of the County Sustainability Plan.

As part of the 2035 County General Plan Update adopted in 2015, the Board of Supervisors adopted a Community Climate Action Plan (CCAP) for the horizon year of 2020. The CCAP's GHG inventory quantified all primary sectors of GHG emissions within the unincorporated area for 2010 and 2020. The new GHG inventory will aggregate GHG emissions for the entire County and provide a Countywide community GHG inventory for every jurisdiction in the County. Since data will already be collected and disaggregated, conducting analyses and forecasts separated by each municipality would achieve an economy of scale that is more cost effective than if each municipality separately pursued funding for their own inventories. This will also allow the County to better partner with and empower other local jurisdictions to take concrete steps towards developing and implementing CCAPs.

In addition, the SCAG SPG Grant will also help fund a municipal GHG inventory of the County's operation. Due to the unique nature and scale of each municipality in the County, the same economies of scale cannot be achieved for this inventory.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Participation in the SCAG SPG Program promotes the County's Strategic Plan, Goal II, Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities, specifically, Strategy II.3, Make Environmental Sustainability Our Daily Reality. This action is also consistent with the Strategic Plan, Goal III, Realize Tomorrow's Government Today, specifically, Strategy III.3, Pursue Operation Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability by developing a Countywide community GHG inventory that can be used by the County and all local jurisdictions in the County to establish and implement CCAPs, thus maximizing the impact of this grant funding.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Participation in the SCAG SPG Program will not result in any new significant costs to the County. The grant of consultant services will be used to develop a Countywide GHG inventory, the first phase of the County's updated 2030 CAAP.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

All documents required for the acceptance of the awarded grant will be subject to approval by County Counsel prior to execution by the Chief Sustainability Officer.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The acceptance of the grant will not have an effect on the environment and is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15262 of CEQA Guidelines.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Participation in the SCAG SPG Program will enable the County to prepare a Countywide GHG inventory, which will inform the development of the County's updated 2030 CAAP and the County Sustainability Plan. Implementation and completion of the project will improve climate action planning and services to the public by providing updated planning processes and promoting healthy communities.

Should you have any questions, please contact Patricia Hachiya, Section Head, Environmental Planning and Sustainability Section, at (213) 974-6461 or phachiya@planning.lacounty.gov.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director

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Attachments: Grant Award Letter
Resolution

- c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
- Chief Executive Office (Gary Gero)
- Arts Commission
- Community Development Commission
- County Counsel
- Parks and Recreation
- Public Health
- Public Works

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
AUTHORIZING RECEIPT OF GRANT FUNDS UNDER THE
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS' (SCAG)
SUSTAINABILITY PLANNING GRANT (SPG) PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles (County) is eligible to receive \$200,000 under the Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) Sustainability Planning Grant (SPG) Program; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds as follows:

1. The Department of Regional Planning submitted a proposal to obtain funding from the SCAG SPG Program to develop a greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) inventory, which is the foundation of an updated Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP). SCAG has allocated funds for projects that promote the policies and programs of the 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy.
2. On October 6, 2015, the County Board of Supervisors adopted the County Community Climate Action Plan 2020 (CCAP) as part of the County 2035 General Plan. As required by Assembly Bill 32, the California Global Warming Solutions Act, the CCAP is the County's plan to reduce GHG in unincorporated Los Angeles County by at least 11% below 2010 levels by the year 2020.
3. The County General Plan Update and the CCAP included policies to address the impacts of climate change and included implementation program AQ-2, Climate Change Adaptation Program.
4. The development of a Countywide GHG inventory is the first step to update the existing CCAP and implement the County's Climate Change Adaptation Program.
5. The development of a Countywide GHG inventory will allow the County to better partner with and empower other municipalities in the County to take concrete steps towards developing and implementing CCAPs.
6. The acceptance of the SCAG SPG Grant will also fund a municipal GHG inventory of the County's operation.
7. Funds totaling \$200,000 from the SCAG SPG Program will be allocated to the County of Los Angeles.
8. The Board of Supervisors must authorize receipt of the SCAG SPG Program Grant funds.

9. In accordance with Section 15262 of the State of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, adoption of this resolution and acceptance of grant funds does not constitute a project and, therefore, is not subject to the requirements of CEQA.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. That the recommended project proposal is consistent with the goals, policies, and programs of the County General Plan.
2. That the project proposal reflects actions that will help promote healthy communities in the unincorporated areas.
3. That the proposal for the receipt of SCAG SPG Program funds is approved and that this approval will not have a significant effect on the environment.
4. That the Chief Sustainability Officer or his designee is authorized to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, receipt of funds and payment requests, which may be necessary for the purposes of administering this grant.

The foregoing Resolution was on the _____ day of _____, 2017 adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

Lori Glasgow
Executive Officer-Clerk of
Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MARY C. WICKHAM
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By



STARR COLEMAN
Deputy County Counsel



March 24, 2017

Mrs. Sachi A. Hamai, CEO
Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning
320 W. Temple Street, 13th Floor
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Subject: SCAG Sustainability Planning Grant Award

To Mrs. Hamai:

Congratulations! On behalf of the Regional Council, I am pleased to inform you that the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning submission for the 2030 Climate Action and Adaptation Plan-GHG Inventory project has been approved at the meeting on February 2nd. The Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning has been awarded a Sustainability Planning Grant valued at approximately \$200,000 in planning services. The Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) looks forward to partnering with the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning on this planning grant and appreciates your interest.

This project is another step towards implementing the approved 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) that was developed through a bottom-up collaborative process. The Sustainability Planning Grant program enables SCAG to partner directly with our members by providing financial assistance to local planning initiatives that help implement the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS and, at the same time, support local priorities.

SCAG is pleased to be able to offer you consultant services, free of charge, to implement your project. The next step will be to work from the project proposal to develop a scope of work and "Request for Proposals" (RFP) for bid by a qualified consultant team to support your effort.

SCAG staff will be in touch shortly to discuss this process. In the meantime, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Marco Anderson, Program Manager, at (213) 236-1879 or by email at anderson@scag.ca.gov. Thank you again for your interest in partnering with SCAG to plan for a better future for your community and the entire SCAG region.

Sincerely,

Hasan Ikhata
Executive Director

CC: Janice Hahn, SCAG Regional Council
Richard Bruckner, Director
Howard Choy, Manager
Connie Chung, Supervising Regional Planner

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