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**Authorize Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning to Accept Grants
to Support the Renewable Energy and Battery Energy Storage System Ordinance
Update**

The California Energy Commission (CEC) released a grant solicitation and application package entitled “California Clean Energy Planning Program” on April 11, 2024. The purposes of the grant program are to make up to \$500,000 available to local government entities to develop new or updated land use planning documents that support and advance the development of clean energy in their jurisdiction.

The CEC selected Regional Planning’s application to commission a technical study to support Regional Planning staff in the development of the Renewable Energy Ordinance (REO) Update, including the addition of regulations for Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS). The study will inform staff’s decisions throughout the ordinance update process.

The County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors issued a motion in April 2024 directing Regional Planning to prepare an update of the REO. The update will include

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regulations for BESS, as directed by a Board motion from December 2023. Approval will enable Regional Planning to hire a consultant to prepare a technical study to support the development of the REO and BESS update.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Accept the \$100,000 California Energy Commission California Clean Energy Planning Program grant, which will be used to procure a consultant to conduct a technical study, as well as any subsequent external grants to support this Board-directed work.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of Regional Planning, or her designee, to enter into any contracts, memorandums of understanding, and agreements needed to develop and implement the actions required by the grant.

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