



Folsom City Council Staff Report

MEETING DATE:	4/13/2021
AGENDA SECTION:	New Business
SUBJECT:	Resolution No. 10609 - A Resolution Ratifying Submission of Grant Applications to the Community Project Funding
FROM:	Public Works Department

RECOMMENDATION / CITY COUNCIL ACTION

Staff recommends that the City Council approve Resolution No. 10609 – A Resolution Ratifying Submission of Grant Applications to the Community Project Funding.

BACKGROUND / ISSUE

In March, staff was made aware that the U.S. House of Representatives had issued a call for projects for the new Community Project Funding (CPF), also referred to as “earmarks”. The CPF is a list of accounts which are open to Congressionally directed spending in Federal Fiscal Year 2022. The earmarks encompass all Federal Departments, but staff is focusing on the Highway/Transit and Transportation/Housing and Urban Development (HUD) categories.

Each Congress Member has been asked to submit no more than ten total CPF requests (Member Designated Projects) by a deadline of April 15, 2021. Congress Member Bera asked the local agencies within his district to submit their requests to his office by April 9, 2021.

Staff reviewed the funding criteria and determined that the following projects would be most responsive to the criteria and are high community priorities:

1. Riley Street Sidewalks – installation of sidewalks and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) curb ramps on Riley Street between Bidwell Street and Sutter Street (\$5M Transportation/HUD request)

2. Intelligent Transportation Systems Master Plan – funding to upgrade traffic signal controllers, install traffic monitoring cameras and improve communications to and from the Traffic Management Center (\$2M Highway/Transit request)
3. US50/Empire Ranch Road Interchange – funding to prepare final design and construction bid documents for future interchange (\$2.5M Highway/Transit request)

In order to comply with Congress Member Bera’s deadline, staff has submitted these CPF requests prior to April 9, 2021 which did not give staff the opportunity to receive Council direction prior to submittal. Therefore, staff is bringing this item to Council after the fact and asking that Council affirm that these projects were submitted, and that Council supports staff’s selection of these three projects.

POLICY / RULE

Authority to receive funding from outside sources, such as Federal or State grants, is assigned to the City Council.

ANALYSIS

If awarded, the funding will be available in Federal Fiscal Year 2022 and must be spent or encumbered by the end of that year. Staff is prepared to fully implement or encumber all three proposed projects within that timeline.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no defined “local match” associated with CPF requests; past Federal authorizations have required up to a 20 percent local match. If we are successful in obtaining funding for any or all of our submitted projects, staff will return to Council at the appropriate time and provide the financial details.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

This action is exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

ATTACHMENT

1. Resolution No. 10609 – A Resolution Ratifying Submission of Grant Applications to the Community Project Funding

Submitted,

Dave Nugen, Public Works Director

RESOLUTION NO. 10609

**A RESOLUTION RATIFYING SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE
COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the U.S. House of Representatives has issued a call for applications to the Community Project Funding (CPF) program; and

WHEREAS, the CPF is a set of earmarked funding requests from each Congress member; and

WHEREAS, Congress Member Bera represents California's 7th Congressional District, which includes the City of Folsom; and

WHEREAS, Congress Member Bera requested that local agencies within the 7th Congressional District submit their CPF requests to his office by April 9, 2021; and

WHEREAS, staff reviewed the CPF criteria and determined that the Riley Street Sidewalks, Intelligent Transportation Systems Master Plan and Empire Ranch Road Interchange were all responsive to the criteria and are considered to be high priority projects by the City; and

WHEREAS, the April 9, 2021 deadline occurred before staff could solicit City Council approval to submit the CPF requests.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Folsom ratifies the submission of applications to the Community Project Funding.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of April, 2021, by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Councilmember(s):
NOES: Councilmember(s):
ABSENT: Councilmember(s):
ABSTAIN: Councilmember(s):

Michael D. Kozlowski, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Christa Freemantle, CITY CLERK

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