



FRUITA
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AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

TO: FRUITA CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR

FROM: CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

DATE: APRIL 1, 2025

AGENDA TEXT: RESOLUTION 2025-15 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Letter Supporting the City of Fruita's Grant Application for a Housing Needs Assessment.

BACKGROUND

In the 2024-2027 Fruita Strategic Plan, the City Council identified opportunities to live and work in Fruita as a strategic priority for the goal of preserving Fruita's culture. To support this, the City Council has included \$50,000 in the 2025 Budget to complete a comprehensive Housing Needs Assessment to better understand current and future workforce housing needs, how to support affordable housing ownership, and to research other strategies that will help meet demands.

Recently, the Department of Local Affairs released a grant program, the Housing Planning Grant Program, that could help fund the City's study and expand the scope. This program intends to provide grants to local governments and regional entities to help them better understand housing needs and to develop compliant housing needs assessments, housing action plans, and comprehensive plans. There is approximately \$12 million in funding available for the program, and a 25% match is required from the local agency. The City's plans meets the goals of this program and the additional funding can help expand the scope without requiring additional funding from the City.

The City of Fruita has reviewed the Department of Local Affairs Housing Planning Grant Program and has identified the opportunity to secure funding to complete a comprehensive Housing Needs Assessment. Although there was a Grand Valley Housing Needs Assessment completed a few years ago, this is an opportunity to focus specifically on Fruita and the City's needs. For the study, staff issued a Request for Proposals that was published on March 17, 2025 and the study and analysis is expected to be completed in the next year. The grant application requires an official action from City Council.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City is required to match 25% if awarded the grant, the funds are already available in the 2025 budget.

APPLICABILITY TO CITY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The City of Fruita is committed to improving housing availability and affordability as part of its broader goal of fostering a vibrant and sustainable community.

OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE COUNCIL

1. Approve the Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a letter supporting the City of Fruita's grant application for a Housing Needs Assessment.
2. Request staff to modify the letter.

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of staff that the Council by motion:

**ADOPT RESOLUTION 2025-15 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
MAYOR TO SIGN A LETTER SUPPORTING THE CITY OF FRUITA'S GRANT
APPLICATION FOR A HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT.**