



## City of Grass Valley City Council Agenda Action Sheet

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**Title:** California Air Resources Board (CARB) Community Planning and Capacity Building Grant Application - *Future Paths Grass Valley: Everyday Mobility Connecting People and Places Project*

**CEQA:** Not a project

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2026-12 authorizing the Deputy City Manager to execute all documents necessary to accept and administer the California Air Resources Board (CARB) Community Planning and Capacity Building Grant for the *Future Paths Grass Valley: Everyday Mobility Connecting People and Places Project*, and authorize the Finance Director to process supplemental appropriations consistent with the grant documents.

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**Prepared by:** Taylor Whittingslow, Deputy City Manager

**Council Meeting Date:** 5/12/2026

**Date Prepared:** 5/7/2026

**Agenda:** Consent

**Background Information:** The California Air Resources Board (CARB) administers the Community Planning and Capacity Building (PCB) Grant Program, which funds community-centered planning efforts that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve transportation equity, strengthen community resilience, and expand access to clean mobility options in underserved communities.

On February 10, 2026, the City of Grass Valley submitted an application to CARB for the *Future Paths Grass Valley: Everyday Mobility Connecting People and Places Project*. The proposed project focuses on improving safe, affordable, and connected nonvehicle transportation throughout the City through community-guided planning, active transportation connectivity analysis, bicycle education planning, and multimodal mobility improvements.

Since submission, City staff has received informal notification that the project has been recommended for funding. As such, this staff report is intended to authorize the Deputy City Manager to execute grant-related documents and administrative actions necessary to move forward once formal award documentation is issued.

The project proposes to evaluate and plan a connected network of off-street greenways and shared-use pathways linking neighborhoods, schools, transit opportunities, community facilities, and commercial destinations through open space rather than along high-traffic roadways. The project prioritizes transportation equity, climate resiliency, and greenhouse gas reduction goals while improving mobility options for

students, families, seniors, low-income households, and residents with mobility limitations.

The City of Grass Valley will serve as the Lead Applicant and fiscal sponsor for the grant. Bear Yuba Land Trust will serve as the primary Community-Based Organization Sub-Applicant leading outreach and engagement efforts. Additional project partners include the Nevada County Transportation Commission, Grass Valley Police Department, Nevada Joint Union High School District, Grass Valley School District, Union Hill School District, Nevada County Superintendent of Schools, Nevada City Rancheria Nisenan, Nevada County Food Bank, and several community-based organizations.

The attached resolution authorizes:

1. Acceptance and administration of the CARB grant funding;
2. Execution of associated grant and program documents by the Deputy City Manager; and
3. Supplemental appropriations and related financial actions necessary to implement the project in accordance with CARB requirements.

The grant is focused solely on planning and capacity-building activities. No construction activities are proposed as part of this funding phase

**Council Goals/Objectives:** The contract will meet the City's Strategic Plan goal of providing high performance government and quality customer service.

**Fiscal Impact:** None

**Funds Available:** n/a

**Account #:**n/a

**Reviewed by:** Deputy City Manager

**Attachments:** R2026-12