



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 13, 2023

PRESENTER: Theresa Johnson, Community Services Director

SUBJECT: Approving Application to the California Strategic Growth Council's Community Resilience Centers Grant Program (TJ)

RECOMMENDATION: Council by motion adopt resolution approving application for grant funds to the Strategic Growth Council Community Resilience Centers Grant Program

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The California Strategic Growth Council has issued an invitation for applications to Round 1 the Community Resilience Centers (CRC) Program for Planning, Project Development, and Implementation Grants. The due date for all final Planning, Project Development, and Implementation Grant Applications is Monday, September 18, 2023. The purpose of the grants is to provide funding for the planning, pre-development, new construction and upgrades for existing neighborhood-level Community Resilience Centers. The Centers may be used for various community programs and events, but should also provide shelter and resources during climate and other emergencies such as extreme heat events and poor air quality days. Funding may also be requested for ongoing year-round community services and programs (such as food distribution and workforce development training) that build overall community resilience.

The City of Kerman is requesting grant funds to construct a 15,400 sq. ft. addition to the existing 11,618 sq. ft. Kerman Community Center to create the Kerman Area Multi-Generational Resiliency Center (KAMGRC). The addition will include resiliency features currently lacking in the existing Community Center, while capitalizing on the amenities that are currently on-site. Utilizing the existing space and expanding on the Community Center to take advantage of the entire adjacent lawn area creates synergies to expand and maximize square footage. The Community Center currently has two large-capacity refrigerators, one large-capacity freezer, commercial ovens, restrooms, dividable open space, and some storage space. The proposed project would bring air filtration systems; backup broadband access; backup power sources; backup water sources; device recharging capabilities for cell phones and other personal communications devices; laundry; shelter/places for people/pets to sleep during emergencies; showers; space for food preparation and storage; and other resiliency amenities as well as a designated EOC space.

The City will conduct community engagement throughout the final design and construction phase. Partners and organizations who will utilize the space either on an event-by-event basis or through an ongoing use agreement, will also be engaged and encouraged to provide input.

Project Scope includes:

- Hiring a consultant to implement facility construction and upgrade activities.
- Conduct community outreach.
- Applicants must demonstrate involvement of community-based organizations and residents in all phases of the proposed project.
 - Each application must include a **Collaborative Stakeholder Structure (CSS)** which formalizes localized partnerships to ensure consistent buy-in and support in the community. The CSS partnership will be documented in a Partnership Agreement and must include residents and community-nominated members from community-based organizations.
 - CSS members will be required to sign a letter of commitment to be engaged in the final design process and continuing collaboration.
 - Potential community participants in the CSS/Community Stakeholder Task Force include:
 - Fresno County Emergency Services
 - Fresno County Department of Health
 - Valley Health Team
 - Kerman Police Department
 - North Central Fire District
 - Kerman Unified School District
 - Centro La Familia
 - Kerman Senior Advisory Board
- The City of Kerman is identified as a Priority Community for funding based on: 1) median household income is less than 80% of the statewide MHI; 2) census tracts identified as disadvantaged per SB 535, and; 3) census tracts identified as low-income per AB 1550.
- Anticipated award date is December 2023.
- Anticipated start date is approximately March to June 2024. There is a 3 to 6-month Post-Award Consultation Process prior to implementation.

Estimated grant request: **\$10 million**

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

ATTACHMENTS:

A. Resolution

Attachment 'A'

RESOLUTION NO. 23-___

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KERMAN APPROVING
APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE COMMUNITY RESILIENCE CENTERS
PROGRAM FROM THE CALIFORNIA STRATEGIC GROWTH COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, the City of Kerman proposes to implement the Kerman Area Multi-Generational Community Resiliency Center Project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kerman has the legal authority and is authorized to enter into a funding agreement with the State of California and the California Strategic Growth Council; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kerman intends to apply for Project Implementation grant funding from the California Strategic Growth Council's Community Resilience Centers Program for the Kerman Area Multi-Generational Community Resiliency Center Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KERMAN does resolve as follows:

SECTION 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated by reference.

SECTION 2. The City Manager or designee is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and file an application for funding with the California Strategic Growth Council and take such other actions as necessary or appropriate to obtain grant funding.

SECTION 3. The City Manager or designee is hereby authorized and directed to execute the funding agreement with the California Strategic Growth Council and any amendments thereto.

SECTION 4. The City Manager or designee is hereby authorized and directed to submit any required documents, invoices, and reports required to obtain grant funding.

SECTION 5. This resolution is effective upon adoption.

The foregoing resolution was approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Kerman at a regular meeting held on the 13th day of September 2023, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

The foregoing resolution is hereby adopted.

Maria Pacheco
Mayor

ATTEST:

Marci Reyes
City Clerk