



CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA STAFF REPORT

MEETING TYPE: Regular

MEETING DATE: February 27, 2024

TITLE: Authorize Resolution 2024-4 Approving the Participation in the Planning and Capacity Building (Planning) Grant Program

BACKGROUND: The City submitted a pre-application to California Air Resources Board (CARB) to develop an Active Transportation in September 2023; amount 27 other applications. The city was 1 out of 13 selected to submit a full application by November 3, 2023. On November 2, 2023, city submitted an application for \$370,729.67 to develop an Active Transportation Plan. The City of Needles Active Transportation Plan will work with the community to develop much needed projects like **repairing and connecting sidewalks, creating bike lanes, and identifying safe routes to school**. Additionally, the planning process will help encourage and support the community in choosing to walk or bike to their destination.

The city's sub-applicants are Needles Unified School District and St. Vincent De Paul. Funding was incorporated into the application to fund all staff time from the city and the sub-applicants. Also incorporated into the scope and budget are bike rodeo events, e-bike giveaways, focus groups with stipends and gift cards, transportation survey development, and distribution. The following community partners submitted a letter of support for the application and agreed to participate; San Bernardino County Sheriff's Office, Colorado River Medical Center, Tri-State Medical Center, Needles Housing Authority, Needles Area Transit, and Needles Senior Center.

On January 5, 2024, the city was notified that the application submitted was approved and selected for funding. CARB is requesting the enclosed acceptance letter to proceed with the grant agreement. On January 23, 2024, City Council authorized the Mayor to execute an award acceptance letter to CARB.

FISCAL IMPACT: Grant funds are reimbursable, estimated lead time for reimbursement is 30-60 days.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT: The Active Transportation plan will develop a plan for future project planning to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorize Resolution 2024-4 Approving the Participation in the Planning and Capacity Building (Planning) Grant Program

SUBMITTED BY: Rainie Torrance, Utility Manager

City Manager Approval: Patrick J. Martinez Date: 2/22/2024

Other Department Approval (when required): Barbara DiLeo Date: 02/22/24