



City of Needles, California Request for City Council Action

CITY COUNCIL NPUA

Regular Special

Meeting Date: September 10, 2024

Title: Approve a Grant Agreement with "Data for Social Good" (DSG) acting on behalf of the California Air Resources Board (CARB) for a Statewide Planning and Capacity Building project in Needles to develop a comprehensive Active Transportation Plan (ATP)

Background: The City submitted a pre-application to California Air Resources Board (CARB) to develop an Active Transportation in September 2023; among 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. On January 23, 2024, City Council authorized the Mayor to execute the grant acceptance letter and on February 24, 2024, a Resolution was adopted to participate in the Statewide Planning and Capacity Building program. Since March 2024, staff has worked with CARB to provide additional information and documents to finalize the grant agreement.

Fiscal Impact: \$370,729.67 Reimbursable from Data for Social Good (DSG) funding through CARB

Environmental Impact: The Active Transportation Plan will develop a plan for future project planning to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Recommended Action: Approve a Grant Agreement with "Data for Social Good" (DSG) acting on behalf of the California Air Resources Board (CARB) for a Statewide Planning and Capacity Building project in Needles to develop a comprehensive Active Transportation Plan (ATP) and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.

Submitted By: Kathy Raasch, Director of Development Services/Capital Projects

City Manager Approval: Patrick J. Martinez Date: 9/5/2024

Other Department Approval (when required): Paula Rife for KM Date: 9/5/24

Approved: Not Approved: Tabled: Other:
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