



City of Needles, California Request for City Council Action

CITY COUNCIL NPUA

Regular Special

Meeting Date: April 14, 2026

Title: City Council Resolution No. 2026-5 Approving the Ostby Economic Development Program Application for a New Residence located at 3632 Riverview Terrace, Also Known as 0660-151-40-0000

Background: On March 12, 2019, the City Council approved Resolution No. 2019-8 which established an Economic Development Program that is designed to assist homebuilders, businesses, and individuals proposing new construction, expansion, or property improvements within the City.

Pam Ostby, property owner and resident of Needles, has applied for the Economic Development Program. Mrs. Ostby constructed a new home, detached garage, pool, masonry walls, and additional site improvements on a vacant parcel on Riverview Terrace Drive.

Pam Ostby has completed \$768,056.63 in improvements to the property located at 3632 Riverview Terrace. Mrs. Ostby has submitted an Economic Development Program Application requesting \$18,684.45 in expenses. Staff reviewed the application and supporting receipts and determined \$15,361.13 in eligible expenses, with the remainder deemed ineligible under program guidelines, representing 2% of the total eligible construction cost. The funds were used towards labor and materials to complete the property improvements.

The applicant meets the requirements to be eligible for the Economic Development Program Grant Funds based on the following:

1. The applicant is constructing a new home in the City of Needles to be their permanent residence for a minimum of five (5) years.
2. The applicant is providing a private investment that is at least twice the amount of the grant requested.

Fiscal Impact: The Economic Development Grant Fund eligible expenses of \$15,361.13 funded through Cannabis Tax revenues. The fund currently has a balance of approximately \$337,662.38 in FY 2025-26.

Recommended Action: Approve City Council Resolution No. 2026-5 Approving the Ostby Economic Development Program Application for a New Residence located at 3632 Riverview Terrace, Also Known as 0660-151-40-0000 and authorizing payment of \$15,361.13 to Pam Ostby.

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

City Management Review: Patrick J. Martinez **Date:** 4/9/2026

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