

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



**ITEM**  
3.10  
(ID # 5326)

**MEETING DATE:**

Tuesday, November 14, 2017

**FROM :** ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (EDA):

**SUBJECT:** ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (EDA): Authorize Submission of an Application for Transformative Climate Communities Grant; All Districts. [\$52,500,000], State Cap and Trade funds 67%, County Workforce Development funds 1%, and City of Riverside Funds 32%; Project is CEQA Exempt

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Find that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3); and
2. Authorize the Assistant County Executive Officer/EDA, or Designee, to submit an application to the Strategic Growth Council for the Transformative Climate Communities grant (Grant) and to take all necessary steps to obtain Grant funds and implement Grant program activities, including but not limited to, signing any subsequent, necessary and relevant documents, subject to approval by County Counsel.

**ACTION:** Policy

Robert Field, Assistant County Executive Officer/EDA 10/30/2017

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Jeffries, seconded by Supervisor Ashley and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Tavaglione, Washington, Perez and Ashley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: November 14, 2017  
xc: EDA

Kecia Harper-Ihem  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost:</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$17,500,000	\$17,500,000	\$52,500,000	\$0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> State Cap and Trade funds 67%, County Workforce Development funds 1%, City of Riverside funds 32%			<b>Budget Adjustment:</b>	No
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b>	2017/18, 18/19, 19/20

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

On August 28, 2017, the California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) published a Notice of Funding Availability for the Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) program grant. Pursuant to California Assembly Bill 2722, TCC grant funds are derived from proceeds of the State's Cap and-Trade program and a total of \$140 million will be awarded. Of those funds, \$35 million will be allocated to a project in the City of Los Angeles and \$70 million will be allocated to a project in the City of Fresno. The remaining \$35 million will be allocated to a single project within one of the eligible cities specified by the SGC.

Eligible project areas include communities identified by the Office of Environmental Health as having a majority of census tracts that fall within the top five percent of disadvantaged communities, as defined by the California Environmental Protection Agency. In particular, TCC-eligible communities are disproportionately burdened by multiple sources of pollution and are characterized by high levels of social vulnerability. The project area may be no larger than five contiguous square miles and must be located within the city limits of an eligible city.

The TCC program objectives are three-fold: (1) achieve significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions; (2) improve public health and environmental benefits; and (3) expand economic opportunity and shared prosperity. To achieve these objectives, the TCC program provides 10 strategies and over 20 project types that are eligible for inclusion. Applicants must leverage additional funding sources to secure a minimum of 50 percent match of the awarded TCC grant amount.

TCC concept proposals are due by October 18, 2017. Proposals that meet TCC criteria will be invited to submit a formal application by November 30, 2017. The grant term is three years.

The Economic Development Agency (EDA) has identified a project area within the City of Riverside that is a TCC-eligible location and satisfies the requirements of the TCC program. A map of the proposed project area is attached hereto as Attachment A. The proposed project consists of two affordable housing projects planned by the City of Riverside and at varying

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stages of development, improved transit access and mobility options, workforce education and development initiatives, urban greening, and public health activities.

EDA staff recommends the County serve as lead applicant and co-applicants will include the City of Riverside and the Riverside County Workforce Development Board. Potential partners in grant implementation include the EDA, the Housing Authority of the County of Riverside, the County Department of Public Health, the City of Riverside, the City of Riverside Housing Authority, Riverside Transit Agency, Wakeland Housing Development Corporation, Eastside HEAL Zone, Eastside Forum, Riverside Community Health Foundation, Invest Health, and resident representatives of the project area.

Match funds will primarily be derived from the City of Riverside. Workforce Development funds in the amount of \$431,022 are proposed to be allocated to workforce related initiatives. Any awards or contracts resulting from an application will be brought to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors authorize the Assistant County Executive Officer/EDA, or designee, to submit an application for the TCC program and take any and all necessary actions to implement grant program activities should the County be awarded.

**CEQA**

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the proposed Grant application and Resolution No. 2017-206 were reviewed and determined to be categorically exempt from CEQA under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b) (3), General Rule or "Common Sense" exemption. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the execution of an application and approval of a Resolution may have a significant effect on the environment, as the grant of funds, if awarded, and authorization to apply for grant funds will have only financial effects and will not lead to any direct or reasonably indirect physical environmental impacts. A Notice of Exemption will be filed by EDA staff with the County Clerk upon approval of this Form 11.

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

Receipt of the TCC grant, should it be awarded, will benefit residents and businesses of Riverside County by funding initiatives designed to bring environmental benefits, improve public health, and encourage economic prosperity. Allowing staff to make timely application to other grants would enable access to similar, additional benefits for residents of Riverside County.

**Attachments**

- Proposed Project Area Map

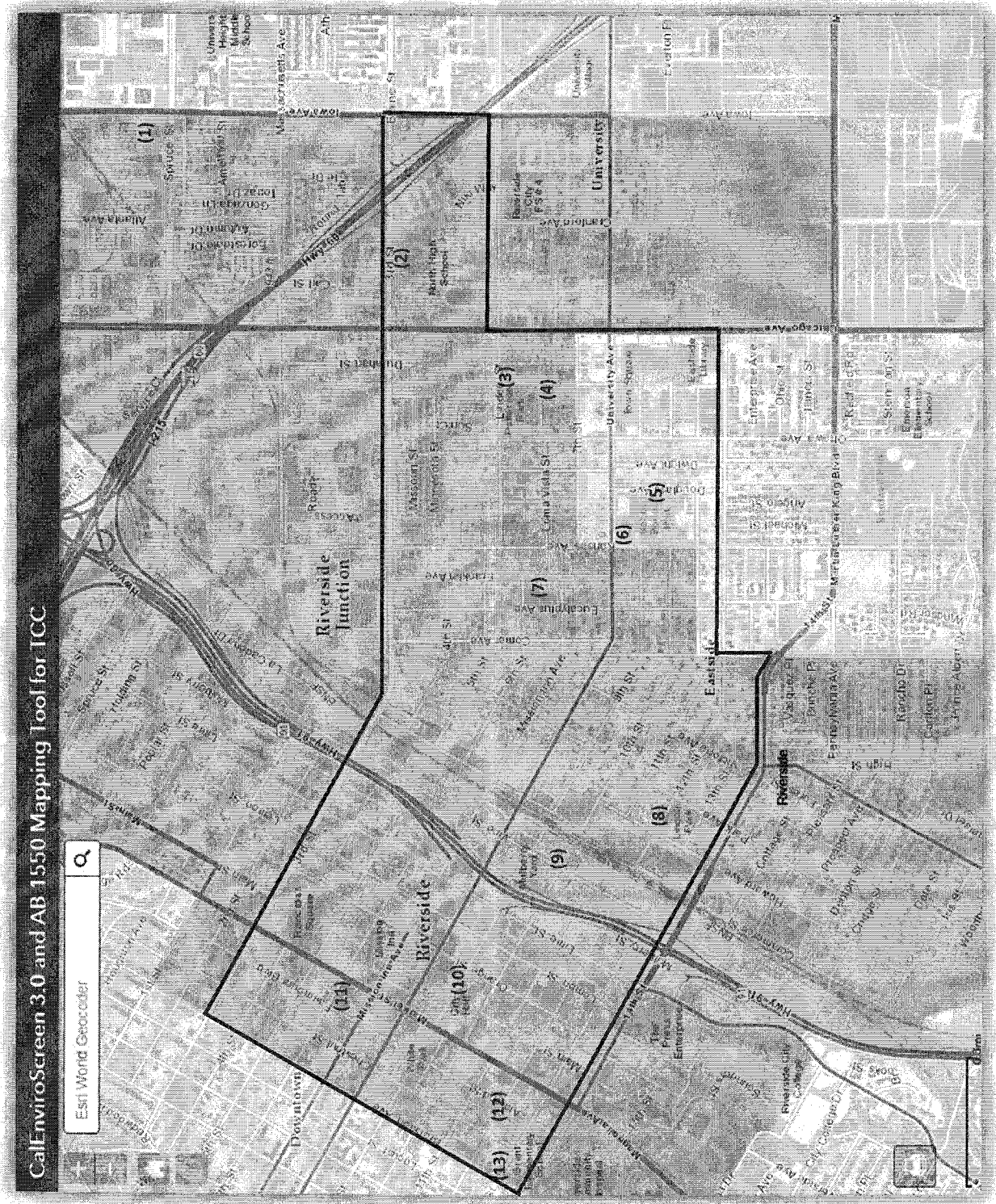
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Rekini Dasika, Principal Management Analyst 11/7/2017

  
Gregory V. Priamos, Director County Counsel 11/2/2017

Attachment A  
Proposed Project Area Map



Key	
	Project area boundary
(1)	Workforce Development Center
(2)	North High School
(3)	Patterson Park
(4)	Chicago-Linden Housing Project
(5)	Bobby Bonds Park
(6)	Cesar Chavez Community Center
(7)	Longfellow Elementary School
(8)	Lincoln Park
(9)	Metrolink Station and RTA Transit Hub
(10)	Riverside City Hall
(11)	Mission Heritage Housing Project
(12)	Riverside County Office of Education
(13)	Grant Elementary School

**ATTACHMENTS FILED WITH  
THE CLERK OF THE BOARD**