



MARIN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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Board of Supervisors
County of Marin
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, California 94903

SUBJECT:

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution stating County's support for the Retrofit Bay Area Program and accepting funds for local implementation of program

SUMMARY: The California Energy Commission's (CEC) \$95 million in State Energy Program (SEP) funds and Department of Energy's (DOE) \$390 million in Retrofit Ramp-Up funds provide an unprecedented opportunity to develop and implement a regional community-scale building retrofit program. The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) in partnership with the eight counties and a total of 104 local governments in the San Francisco Bay Area worked together to present an innovative proposal - Retrofit Bay Area - to establish the infrastructure for a market-driven residential retrofit program. This self sustaining program will stimulate the economy and create jobs while transforming energy markets in California. Designed for scalability and transferability, this program will create a model that can be replicated statewide and nationally.

Regional Scope of Work: ABAG applied for, and was awarded, a \$10.75 million grant to fund Retrofit Bay Area, a region-wide energy efficiency program that will retrofit 17,000 homes (single family and multifamily) to achieve reduction in home energy consumption, while creating an estimated 1,739 home energy retrofit jobs. The grant includes regional program development, local program development and implementation, evaluation, measurement, and administration and reporting.

Local Scope of Work: ABAG and the grant Steering Committee (made up of representatives from each of the eight participating county governments) have agreed to a population based allocation for each county-specific program. In addition, StopWaste.Org and Sonoma County Transportation Authority will be tasked to carry out some regional deliverables, since the two agencies have a substantial head start in planning and developing components of green retrofit programs. Marin County's budget allocation is \$273,501. The basic grant funded activities to be carried out by County staff and subcontractors will include regional coordination, policy development, and outreach/education of residents and contractors. See attached summary description of Retrofit Bay Area. The Community Development Agency's Sustainability Program staff has the capacity to take on this work.

CEC Requirements: All participating counties in the ABAG proposal must provide an authorizing resolution. The Resolution must be approved by the county's Governing Authority. To formally award the funding, an agreement between the California Energy Commission and ABAG must be signed and will include the project description, work statement tasks and milestones, budget, and schedule. Prior to the agreement being executed each county will have to sign a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to actively coordinate the program with ABAG. Funds will be released by ABAG to the County of Marin as the program implementer for the Marin County jurisdictions.

FISCAL/STAFFING IMPACT: The Retrofit Bay Area program will result in grant revenue of \$273,501. Match funding was demonstrated through existing programs such as the Workforce Investment Board Green Jobs Program and the Marin Energy Watch Partnership. Funding will be awarded to the Community Development Agency's Sustainability Program. There would be no impact on the General Fund.

REVIEWED BY:	<input type="checkbox"/> Auditor Controller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Counsel	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
	<input type="checkbox"/> Human Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A

Respectfully Submitted,

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Attachments: 1. Resolution