

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: SHAWN SOSA, ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS – TRANSIT DIVISION
SUBJECT: CONFIRMING CITY OF SANTA ROSA COMPLIANCE WITH THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA SURPLUS LAND ACT, IN ORDER TO
PURSUE CURRENT AND FUTURE GRANT FUNDING

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works Department that the Council, by resolution, confirm the City of Santa Rosa's compliance with the California Surplus Land Act for disposition of City property, as required by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission One Bay Area Grant program.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) program is a funding approach implemented by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) to better integrate the region's federal transportation program with the State of California's climate protection Act (SB375) and the Bay Area's Sustainable Communities Strategy. The City of Santa Rosa, via the Transportation and Public Works Department (TPW), has used grant funds from OBAG program to complete several transportation projects in prior OBAG funding cycles. The TPW Department is currently pursuing additional OBAG grant funding of \$868,230 through MTC's Safe and Seamless Mobility Quick Strike Program (Quick-Strike) to rehabilitate the roadbed of the Downtown Transit Mall.

The proposed resolution will confirm the City's compliance with the California Surplus Land Act, satisfying a recent requirement of the OBAG program. This will enable the City to proceed with requests for current and future OBAG grant funds for future projects to serve the community.

The TPW Department manages the City's surplus property program. The department routinely reviews the City property portfolio for opportunities to dispose of property no longer necessary for governmental use. Past actions and current Council priorities

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support the focus of the Surplus Land Act to ensure affordable housing providers are offered an early opportunity to acquire surplus property.

BACKGROUND

In 2012 the MTC created the One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) program as a funding approach to better integrate the region's federal transportation program with the State of California's climate protection Act (SB375) and the Bay Area's Sustainable Communities Strategy. This integration is being accomplished by:

- Using transportation dollars to reward jurisdictions that use the Regional Housing Need Allocation process. This process is used to produce housing based on a formula that considers population, past housing production, future housing commitments from the Regional Housing Need Allocation identified by the Association of Bay Area Governments and adding weight to acknowledge very low and low income housing
- Supporting the Sustainable Communities Strategy by promoting transportation investments in Priority Development Areas by requiring that at least 70% of all OBAG funds be spent within designated Priority Development Areas
- Providing local agencies additional flexibility to invest OBAG funds in one or more of the following transportation categories to best meet the county's needs: Transportation for Livable Communities, bicycle and pedestrian improvements, local streets and roads preservation, Safe Routes to School and Congestion Management Agency planning activities

On November 18, 2015, MTC adopted the funding and policy framework for the second round of the One Bay Area Grant program (OBAG 2). At its July 27, 2016 meeting, the MTC adopted several revisions to the OBAG 2 policy framework (MTC Resolution No. 4202) related to affordable housing. Among the revisions to the policy framework was a requirement that as a condition of receipt of grant funds agencies applying for grants must reaffirm their compliance with the provisions of the California Surplus Land Act (California Government Code § 54220-54232). This Act requires agencies that have decided to dispose of land to offer the land for not less than fair market value for sale or lease for development as low to moderate income housing or for development as park or open space use, or for use by a school district for school facilities or open space purposes. In the event the agency is not able reach an agreement for disposal for these purposes, then the agency may dispose of the property in the open market.

Eligibility for receipt of OBAG 2 funding through the program, including OBAG funds programmed for the Quick Strike Program, now requires cities and counties to adopt a resolution affirming their compliance with the Surplus Land Act.

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PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

On April 13, 2021, the City Council provided direction to staff on a request for a resolution of local support for the City's application to the MTC's Quick-Strike Program.

ANALYSIS

The Safe and Seamless Mobility Quick Strike Program is a one-time, competitive grant program within the OBAG 2 framework. Federal funding is available to support local and regional projects that can be implemented quickly to benefit communities responding and adapting to the COVID-19 environment. The Transportation and Public Works Department – Transit Division has submitted a Letter of Interest for \$868,230 in funding under this program for rehabilitation of the Transit Mall roadbed and will be required to provide a completed copy of the resolution resulting from this action if selected for funding. This resolution will also enable to the City to compete for future rounds of OBAG funds. The City of Santa Rosa is currently in compliance with the requirements of the California Surplus Lands Act.

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this action does not have a fiscal impact on the General Fund.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15378 in that there is no possibility that the implementation of this action may have significant effects on the environment, and that no further environmental review is required.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution

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