

**STAFF REPORT
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Date: August 23, 2011
To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members
From: Brenda Gamlowksi, Management Analyst II
Subject: **Grant Appropriation for Southern California Edison Cool Center Program**

Recommendation:

Approve appropriations for Southern California Edison Cool Center program in the amount of \$36,000.00 to expense account 349-4660-770 and \$36,000.00 to revenue account 349-3303-100.

Fiscal Impact:

This appropriation is funded through Southern California Edison (SCE) resulting in a slight decrease to General Fund paying for one existing intern and the electric bill for the Lancaster National Soccer Center eastside building. The remaining funding from SCE will pay for the operation of the Cool Center. There is no match requirement.

Background:

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), in D08-11-031, authorized the operation of Cool Centers that will provide low income, seniors and disabled Customers in hot climates, an air-conditioned facility where they can gather during SCE's peak summer months (in lieu of running their own cooling devices at their home) and increase awareness about energy efficiency practices through education. Through a competitive selection process, the City of Lancaster has been chosen by Southern California Edison as a Cool Center location for 2011.

The Lancaster Cool Center at the Lancaster National Soccer Center located at 43000 30th Street East is open to the public from 10:00am – 5:00pm Monday through Friday until October 15th. This is free to the public offering light refreshments, energy efficiency information as well as cards, board games and a television for all to enjoy. Residents are encouraged to turn off their air conditioning and bring their friends, family and even a good book to the Lancaster's Cool Center. It is a great place to socialize or just relax and enjoy while saving money.