

STAFF REPORT
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Date: January 24, 2012

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Brian S. Ludicke, Planning Director

Subject: **Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentive Program – Authorizing Resolution**

Recommendation:

Adopt **Resolution No. 12-05**, authorizing the City Manager to apply for a Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentive Program from the State of California, Strategic Growth Council to fund an update to the Title 16 of the Municipal Code (Subdivision Ordinance) and amendment of the General Plan 2030 to include complete street policies and related development requirements, and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute all documents relative to the grant.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the grant, as no matching funds are required.

Background:

The State of California Strategic Growth Council has announced the second round of funding for the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentive Program. These grants are funded by the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84, Chapter 9). These grants are designed to help local governments meet the challenges of adopting land use plans and integrating strategies in order to transform communities and create long term prosperity. Grant awards range from \$100,000 to \$1,000,000, and no matching funds are required.

The City of Lancaster has a vision for a Livable Community which includes health, safety, economic vitality, and sustainability. Staff proposes updates to the City’s Title 16 Subdivision Ordinance and General Plan 2030 to include complete street policies to further this vision. The adoption of such policies and development requirements is consistent with other significant plans adopted by the City, including the Downtown Lancaster Specific Plan, Design Guidelines, and the Master Plan of Trails and Bikeways.

The grant application requires that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the staff member who can sign the grant application. The attached resolution would establish that person as the City Manager.

Attachment:

Resolution No. 12-05