

STAFF REPORT
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Date: June 12, 2012
To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members
From: Brenda Gamlowski, 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 \$7,300.00 for FY 2011-12 to expense Account No. 349-4660-770 and \$7,300.00 for FY2011-12 to revenue Account No. 349-3303-100.

Fiscal Impact:

This appropriation is funded through Southern California Edison (SCE) resulting in a slight decrease to General Fund offsetting the salaries for one full-time staff person, part-time Museum staff and the electric bill for the Hernando and Fran Marroquin Family Classroom at MOAH. The remaining funding from SCE will pay for the operation of the Cool Center. There is no match requirement. Total grant is \$30,000.00 that spans two fiscal years. The remaining \$22,700.00 will be included in the proposed fiscal year 12/13 budget.

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 for the second year in a row by Southern California Edison as a Cool Center location for 2012.

The Lancaster Cool Center at the City of Lancaster Museum of Art and History (MOAH) located at 655 West Lancaster Boulevard is open to the public from 10:00am – 5:00pm Monday through Friday from June 1st through the summer months. 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.