

# STAFF REPORT

## City of Lancaster

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Date: October 13, 2009

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Robert C. Neal, Public Works Director

Subject: **Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Award Acceptance**

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### **Recommendation:**

Approve the utilization of funds granted by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) and authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute the agreement and accept the terms, conditions, and certifications of Grant Award No. DE-SC0001339.

Appropriate \$466,020.00 to account 383-11BS003924 – City Hall HVAC System; and \$892,780.00 to account 383-11AC005924 for Street Light Retrofit. Increase estimated revenues in account 383-3598101 ARRA Grant - HVAC System by \$466,020.00 and in account 383-3598102 ARRA Grant – LED Retrofit by \$892,780.00.

### **Fiscal Impact:**

Federal funding allocated by the DOE for the program is \$1,358,800.00. There are no matching funds required to receive this funding. Request for advance payment of funds is allowable but should closely match disbursement of funds. A special fund will need to be established for monitoring and reporting of the project's progress.

### **Background:**

The City of Lancaster applied for grant funding through the EECBG program made available through the DOE as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. The EECBG provides funding for various types of energy efficient projects through formula-based grants to units of local government, states, and Indian tribes.

The activities selected by the City and submitted to the DOE for approval were: 1) retrofitting street light lamps with energy efficient LED lamps and 2) replacement of the aging heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) units at City Hall with newer energy efficient units. Both projects will save the City energy and money. The activities need to be completed and grant funds spent by August 9, 2012.

### **Attachment:**

U.S. Department of Energy Award No. DE-SC0001339 (Available for review in the City Clerk's office)

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