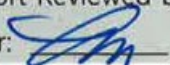


Agenda Report Reviewed by:
City Manager: 

CITY OF SEBASTOPOL
CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM

Meeting Date: February 16, 2021
To: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
From: Engineering
Subject: One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) 2 Program Application
Recommendation: That the City Council Direct Staff to:

- Prepare Documentation for Application for One Bay Area Grant (OBAG);
- Authorize Mayor to Sign Letter of Interest or Resolution for Application for a One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) 2 Program
- Authorize Staff to Submit Application

Funding: Currently Budgeted: Yes No N/A
Net General Fund Cost: \$

Account Code/Costs authorized in City Approved Budget AK (verified by Administrative Services Department)

INTRODUCTION/PURPOSE:

This item is for City Council to Direct Staff to:

- Prepare Documentation for Application for One Bay Area Grant (OBAG);
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BACKGROUND:

MTC’s One Bay Area Grant program — or OBAG — is a funding approach that aligns the Commission’s investments with support for focused growth. Established in 2012, OBAG taps federal funds to maintain MTC’s commitments to regional transportation priorities while also advancing the Bay Area’s land-use and housing goals.

Cities and counties can use these funds to invest in:

- Local street and road maintenance
- Streetscape enhancements
- Bicycle and pedestrian improvements
- Safe Routes to School projects
- Priority Conservation Areas (PCAs)
- Transportation planning

DISCUSSION:

Recently the City received word that SCTA called for Letters of Interest and Applications for grant funding to the Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA) and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC).

Per SCTA: Sonoma County Transportation Authority seeks letters of interest from any eligible agencies who may

have a transportation infrastructure project that can be implemented quickly to benefit communities. The program emphasizes bicycle/pedestrian safety and mobility, transit and transit access improvements, connected mobility, advancing equitable mobility, or other near-term strategies to advance transit recovery and connected mobility. The program does not have a Sonoma County “share” and is performance based. There is a nomination target of approximate \$3-\$4 million in programming. SCTA seeks interested agencies that must be eligible under Surface Transportation Program/ Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program , as well as One Bay Area Grant guidelines (please see attached MTC resolutions 3925 and 4202 for details and criteria). All interested parties should submit letters of Interest to Seana L. S. Gause, Senior – Programming and Projects by email at seana.gause@scta.ca.gov by noon (12 P.M.) February 19th, 2021.”

The City is currently reviewing projects that may be eligible for submission of an application for these grant funds.

The item tonight is to authorize Engineering to review our projects list and if the City has a project that qualifies for submission, to authorize staff to submit the application on the City’s behalf and authorize the Mayor to sign a Letter of Interest or Resolution that is required to go along with the application.

If a City project is found that qualifies for this grant funding, City staff will submit a copy of the materials to the City Council at the February 16, 2021 City Council Meeting. This would include the Letter of Interest or Resolution and Application.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

As of the writing of this staff report, the City has not received any public comment. However, if staff receives public comment from interested parties following the publication and distribution of this staff report, such comments will be provided to the City Council as supplemental materials before or at the meeting. In addition, public comments may be offered during the public comment portion of this item.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

This item was noticed in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act and was available for public viewing and review at least 72 hours prior to schedule meeting date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council Approve and Direct Staff to:

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ATTACHMENTS:

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