

STAFF REPORT

City Council Consent Item

DATE: January 16, 2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Merritt Perry, City Manager

SUBJECT: **Authorize City Manager to Submit Individual Grant Applications for Regional Early Action Planning Grant Programs for which the City of Fortuna is Eligible; *Resolution 2024-01***

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to submit all grant applications for Regional Early Action Planning Grant Programs for which the City of Fortuna is eligible by adopting *Resolution 2024-01*.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On April 3, 2020, the Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG) received a Regional Early Action Planning Grant to so support the region with one-time funding in the amount of \$199,000 to enable Humboldt County jurisdictions to meet the sixth cycle of the regional housing needs assessment.

HCAOG set aside \$18,000 of this funding for the City of Fortuna to implement a planning project as a sub applicant to HCAOG. The City is responsible for identifying a project that meets the requirements of the grant and to submit a suballocation to HCAOG and implementing the work identified in the suballocation.

When the grant was originally applied for, the intention was to use the funds designated generically to obtain technical assistance for infill planning or to develop a grant application for additional planning funding or to adopt development standards. The City has the ability to change or specify how the work to be completed and is responsible for completing the work by end of the current fiscal year.

Staff expect to use the funding to complete California Environmental Quality Act Analysis for housing scenarios within the City including the for the planned growth with and without the changes contemplated for the former Pacific Lumber Mill Site, for which a specific plan is being prepared.

To meet the completion deadline of May 30, 2024, and receive grant funding, staff suggests that the City Council adopt *Resolution 2024-01 to authorize the City Manager to submit all necessary grant suballocation documents*. This authorization is effective until rescinded by the Signature Authority or by the City Council.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The City will be eligible to receive a base grant award of \$18,000 and possibly additional funds if unused by other jurisdictions. If not approved, the City will have to find another source to complete the necessary work.

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:

Authorize the City Manager to submit individual grant applications for the Regional Early Action Planning Grant Programs for which the City of Fortuna is eligible, *Resolution 2024-01*. Consent Agenda vote.

ATTACHMENTS:

- *Resolution 2024-01; A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fortuna Authorizing The City Manager to Apply for Regional Early Action Planning Grant*