

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL



DATE: November 19, 2019

TITLE: Resolution Authorizing Application for California Senate Bill 2 (SB 2) Planning Grants Program Fund

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RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Desert Hot Springs authorizing application for, and receipt of, SB 2 Planning Grant Program Funds.

DISCUSSION

In 2017, Governor Brown signed a housing package aimed at addressing the state's housing shortage and high housing costs. Specifically, it included the Building Homes and Jobs Act (SB 2, 2017), which establishes a \$75 recording fee on real estate documents to increase the supply of affordable homes in California.

The Purpose of the fund is to provide funding and technical assistance to all local governments in California to help cities and counties prepare, adopt, and implement plans and process improvements that streamline housing approvals and accelerate housing production.

Funding will help cities and counties:

- Accelerate housing production
- Streamline the approval of housing development affordable to owner and renter households at all income levels
- Facilitate housing affordability, particularly for lower- and moderate-income households
- Promote development consistent with the State Planning Priorities (Government Code Section 65041.1)
- Ensure geographic equity in the distribution and expenditure of the funds

Eligible activities may include:

- Updates to general plans, community plans, specific plans, local planning related to implementation of sustainable communities strategies, or local coastal plans.
- Updates to zoning ordinances.
- Environmental analyses that eliminate the need for project-specific review.
- Local process improvements that expedite local planning and permitting.

The proposed Resolution authorizes staff to apply for grant funds through the SB 2 Program.

FISCAL IMPACT

The proposed grant funding could provide Desert Hot Springs with \$160,000 for approved activities.

EXHIBIT(S)

- 1) Proposed Resolution