

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL



DATE: April 7, 2020

TITLE: Resolution Authorizing Application for, and Receipt of, Local Government Planning Support Grant Program Funds

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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, Local Government Planning Support Grant Program Funds.

DISCUSSION

In the 2019-20 Budget Act, Governor Gavin Newsom allocated \$250 million for all regions, cities, and counties to do their part by prioritizing planning activities that accelerate housing production to meet identified needs of every community. With this allocation, HCD established the Local Early Action Planning Grant Program (LEAP) with \$119 million for cities and counties. LEAP provides one-time grant funding to cities and counties to update their planning documents and implement process improvements that will facilitate the acceleration of housing production and help local governments.

The Department of Housing and Community Development (Department) is authorized to issue a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) as part of the Local Government Planning Support Grants Program (hereinafter referred to by the Department as the Local Early Action Planning Grants program or LEAP)

Eligible activities must be related to housing planning and facilitate the streamlining and acceleration of housing production.

The proposed Resolution (Exhibit 1) authorizes staff to apply for grant funds through the LEAP Program.

FISCAL IMPACT

The proposed grant funding could provide Desert Hot Springs with \$150,000 for approved activities.

EXHIBIT(S)

1) LEAP Grant Resolution