

AGENDA REPORT

Community Development

DATE:	December 20, 2022
ТО:	Mayor Butt and Members of the City Council
FROM:	Lina Velasco, Director of Community Development Samantha Carr, Environmental Manager
Subject:	Contract with TCC Co-Applicants for Post-Award Consultation Funding
FINANCIAL IMPACT: PREVIOUS COUNCIL	As part of the 4 th Round of Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) funding, all successful applicants will be receiving a \$100,000 grant to support Applicants and Co-Applicants during the Post Award Consultation process. This funding will support City and Co-applicants time to complete all documents necessary to sign the \$35M Round 4 TCC Grant agreement. Account string: 15061219-400201-16G10 June 21, 2022
ACTION:	Julio 21, 2022
STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:	Following City Council authorization to submit an application for a Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) Round 4 Implementation Grant, the Strategic Growth Council (SGC) is providing all successful applicants an additional \$100,000 grant to support Applicant and Co-Applicants during the Post-Award Consultation (PAC) process to complete necessary documents to get a signed TCC grant agreement. The PAC funding agreement is between SGC and the lead applicant, City of Richmond. The City will be the mechanism for distributing the funds to the five coapplicants. City staff is requesting approval of the contracts between the City and each Co-Applicant to distribute the PAC TCC grant funding.

Velasco/Samantha Carr 510-620-6706).	RECOMMENDED ACTION:	APPROVE five contracts in the amount of \$10,000 per Co-Applicant (Groundwork Richmond, GRID Alternatives, Rich City Rides, Trust For Public Land, and Urban Tilth), to cover costs associated with the \$35,000,000 Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) Round 4 Post-Award Consultation (PAC) process and to complete all the necessary documents to execute the TCC implementation grant agreement, with a term ending June 30, 2023.— Community Development (Lina Velasco/Samantha Carr 510-620-6706).
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DISCUSSION:

On June 21, 2022, the City Council authorized an application for a Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) Round 4 Implementation Grant for the *Richmond Rising* project. On October 27, 2022, Richmond was awarded a \$35M Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) Round 4 Implementation Grant by the California Strategic Growth Council. Richmond's project is titled *Richmond Rising: Healthy, Connected, and Climate Strong* and focuses on projects serving the Iron Triangle, Santa Fe, and Coronado neighborhoods. The nine projects included in the Richmond Rising application are:

- 1. **Neighborhood Complete Streets:** walking and biking improvements on Harbour Way, Ohio Avenue, and some AC Transit bus stops.
- 2. **Richmond Wellness Trail, Phase 2:** walking and biking improvements to connect with Phase 1 to connect the Richmond BART and central neighborhoods with the waterfront.
- 3. **E-Bike Lending Library:** long- and short-term e-bikes access for free to target neighborhood residents to improve carbon-free mobility options.
- Resilient Homes for Healthy Communities: residential solar panel installations and home energy efficiency and health and safety upgrades at no cost to income-qualifying residents.
- 5. **Basins of Relations:** residential greywater systems and rainwater capture systems at no cost to income-qualifying residents, installed by local youth who receive training in watershed stewardship and installation.
- 6. **Bosque del Barrio:** tree planting throughout the project area to create a healthy urban forest.
- 7. **ADA Accessible Garden:** edible and pollinator garden at Unity Park with specially designed planting beds so seniors and wheelchair users can comfortably participate in gardening and community activities.
- 8. **Orchard for ALL!:** creating a distributed orchard through fruit tree giveaways, with tree care and harvest support offered in exchange for a share of the harvest, which will be distributed at free farm stands and in veggie boxes.

 Veggie RX: prescription veggie boxes in partnership with the local health clinic, to provide free fruits and vegetables as preventative care along with community health workers and programming to support change to a more sustainable diet.

In addition, the Richmond Rising application includes three Transformative Plans outlining Community Engagement, Workforce Development, and Displacement Avoidance policies and programs. For more information on the Transformative Climate Communities Grant Awardees visit: California Awards \$96 Million for Climate Projects in 10 Frontline Communities | California Governor.

SGC is providing a \$100,000 PAC grant to awardees to support them during the post-award consultation process to complete all the necessary documents to execute the TCC implementation grant agreement. The funding will support the lead applicant and co-applicants to complete all documents and work necessary for successfully entering into the \$35M Transformative Climate Communities Round 4 Grant Agreement. The PAC funding agreement is between SGC and the lead applicant, City of Richmond. The City will be the mechanism for distributing the funds to the five co-applicants, Groundwork Richmond, GRID Alternatives, Rich City Rides, Trust for Public Land, and Urban Tilth.

As part of the PAC process, City staff anticipated holding regular meetings with the City's Co-Applicants and SGC staff to complete the tasks identified to get to execution of grant award.

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

Attachment 1 - TCC Grant Award Letter Richmond

Attachment 2 – GRID Alternatives Contract

Attachment 3 – Groundwork Contract

Attachment 4 – Trust for Public Land Contract

Attachment 5 – Urban Tilth Contract

Attachment 6 – Urban Tilth Fiscal Sponsor of Rich City Rides Contract