



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** August 13, 2013

**TO:** Mayor and Council Members

**FROM:** Facilities Division, Public Works Department

**SUBJECT:** Acceptance Of Southern California Edison Funds

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Council:

- A. Authorize the receipt of Southern California Edison funds totaling \$52,250 through the South Coast Energy Efficiency Partnership; and
- B. Increase appropriations and estimated revenues in the Facilities Management Fund by \$52,250.

**DISCUSSION:**

Southern California Edison (SCE) is offering \$52,250 in strategic planning funds to the City to conduct a feasibility study on a revolving energy projects fund. The City is eligible for the funds through the South Coast Energy Efficiency Partnership, which provides funding for energy efficiency and conservation projects.

The City will analyze options to account for all energy savings - conservation and rate restructuring - and develop a set of approaches to continuously reinvest a portion of those savings in new energy conservation and efficiency projects. The project includes reviewing ways to identify and generate savings from energy conservation and efficiency projects and rate restructuring activities. The study will also provide metrics for energy savings and provide methods to identify and rank potential energy savings measures in City facilities.

Currently, the City spends \$3.5 million per year on energy in total, including a General Fund building use of \$1.3 million. The objective of the study is to provide options to ensure ongoing funding of energy conservation projects that provide reduced energy use and cost to City operations

**BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

The table below outlines the budget for this project:

Develop RFP and award the contract to consultant	\$4,000
Develop Energy Efficiency (EE) Strategies (criteria, process, benchmarks, measurement and evaluation procedures)	\$14,000
Develop EE Strategies White Paper	\$12,000
Develop EE Strategies Project Report	\$10,000
Develop Forecast and Implementation Report	\$8,000
Conduct and manage meetings with City Steering Committee	\$1,000
Report monthly tracked performance indicators	\$1,000
Administration (City Staff)	\$2,250
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST</b>	<b>\$52,250</b>

SCE will reimburse the City after the City pays the vendor invoices.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:**

Analyzing the approaches to better capture effects of Energy Efficiency projects will allow the City to manage General Fund energy expenditures and recover energy savings to be used to reinvest in future energy saving projects. The findings of the study will be shared with other local governments to help them develop best practice strategies in energy efficiency funding. Energy efficiency projects save operating costs and reduce green house gas emissions.

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