

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-0110

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Grant Application for FY2019 WaterSMART: Water and Energy Efficiency Grants

BACKGROUND

- A. The United States (US) Department of Interior's WaterSMART establishes a framework to provide Federal leadership and assistance for using water efficiently, integrating water and energy policies to support the sustainable use of all-natural resources, and coordinating the water conservation activities of various Interior bureaus and offices.
- B. The US Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) has made three separate WaterSMART Grants funding opportunities available for 2019. Through WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency Grants (formerly Challenge Grants) USBR provides 50/50 cost share funding for projects that conserve and use water more efficiently; increase the production of hydropower; mitigate conflict risk in areas at a high risk of future water conflict; and accomplish other benefits that contribute to water supply reliability in the western United States.
- C. The City's Department of Utilities (DOU) in partnership with the City's Public Works Department (PW) is seeking approval to apply for up to \$250,000 in grant funding from the WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency Grant for FY2019 administered by the USBR to support DOU's and PW's Streetscapes River Friendly Landscape Projects. The grant funds will follow the guidelines of the River Friendly Landscape Rebate program to improve water efficiency by converting turfgrass to native and drought tolerant landscapes, upgrading irrigation timers to smart irrigation controllers and converting high volume conventional spray irrigation heads to high efficiency rotating nozzle and drip irrigation systems.
- D. The City could potentially receive up to \$250,000 in grant funding, with a cost match requirement of \$250,000 for a total amount not-to-exceed \$500,000. If awarded, there are sufficient funds in the Water Conservation Program (I14120400) to meet the City match requirement of \$200,000 along with in-kind contribution from Youth, Parks, and Community Enrichment (YPCE) and Streetscapes operating budgets and Water Conservation Program (I14120400) budget in the amount of \$50,000 in non-federal cost share.

