



January 5, 2012

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**TO:** ABAG Executive Board

**FROM:** Kenneth Kirkey, Planning Director

**SUBJECT:** Resolution 01-12 in Support of Grant Application: Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentive Program funded by the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84) managed by the California Strategic Growth Council

**Executive Summary**

The California Strategic Growth Council's Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentive Program has released the round two Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Request for Proposals funded through the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Act of 2006 (Proposition 84). ABAG, in collaboration, with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission would like to apply for this grant opportunity, which requires a resolution of support from ABAG's Executive Board.

The grant proposal will request the maximum grant award of one million dollars to evaluate the development of the first Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) in the San Francisco Bay Area. Lessons learned will improve the process and scope of the next update of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and provide strategic support for continued implementation at the local level. ABAG and MTC will continue to coordinate among the "Big Four" MPOs (SCAG, SACOG and SANDAG) that collectively comprise over 80% of California's population. By cooperating together, we can learn what strategies worked better than others to advance implementation of SB 375.

The grant application is due February 15, 2012. Staff will be sorting out the details of the workscope but will plan for work to commence in the spring of 2013, which will be ideal timing for taking a retrospective look of what work well and what could be improved in the development of the next SCS/RTP and monitor how programs supported through Plan Bay Area perform.

**Recommended Action**

Staff recommends that the ABAG Executive Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing staff to submit a grant application for the Proposition 84 funded Sustainable Communities Planning Grant.



**Next Steps**

Submit grant application along with adopted resolution to the Strategic Growth Council.

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**Attachment**

Resolution

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**RESOLUTION NO. 01-12**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR A SUSTAINABLE  
COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT UNDER THE STATE'S SAFE DRINKING  
WATER, WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY, FLOOD CONTROL, RIVER AND  
COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2006, AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF  
GRANT CONTRACT AND RELATED DOCUMENTS—  
PLAN BAY AREA IMPLEMENTATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided funds for the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentives Program under the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84); and

**WHEREAS**, the Association of Bay Area Governments is eligible to receive such funds; and

**WHEREAS**, staff of ABAG and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission have collaborated on a proposal to evaluate the development of the first Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) in the San Francisco Bay Area (Proposal); and

**WHEREAS**, the Strategic Growth Council has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of this grant program, establishing necessary procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, said procedures require all award recipients commit to threshold requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, said procedures established by the Strategic Growth Council require a resolution certifying the approval of application(s) by the Applicant's governing board before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the development of the proposal.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Executive Board of the Association of Bay Area Governments herby:

1. Approves the filing of an application for Plan Bay Area Implementation in order to become a more sustainable community.
2. Certifies that ABAG will have sufficient funds to develop the Proposal or will secure the resources to do so.

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3. Certifies that the Proposal will comply with any applicable laws and regulations including being consistent with the State's Planning Priorities identified in Government Code section 65041.1 and summarized below:
  - a) Promote infill development and invest in existing communities.
  - b) Protect, preserve and enhance agricultural land and natural resources.
  - c) Encourage location and resource efficient new development.
4. Certifies that threshold requirements outlined in the guidelines, including consideration of Ocean Protection Council Sea Level Rise Guidance will be met.
5. Agrees to reduce, on as permanent a basis as feasible, greenhouse gas emissions consistent with California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (Division 25.5, commencing with Section 3850) of the Health and Safety Code) and any applicable regional plan.
6. Agrees to meet the Collaboration Requirements of the focus area applicable to the Proposal and includes all required documents in the application package.
7. Appoints the Executive Director of ABAG, or designee, as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

The foregoing adopted by the Executive Board this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2012.

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Mark Luce  
President

**Certification of Executive Board Approval**

I, the undersigned, the appointed and qualified Secretary-Treasurer of the Association of Bay Area Governments (Association), do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the Association at a duly called meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2012.

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Ezra Rapport  
Secretary-Treasurer

**Approved as To Legal Form**

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Kenneth K. Moy  
Legal Counsel