

# City of Hesperia

## STAFF REPORT



**DATE:** January 19, 2021

**TO:** Mayor and Council Members

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**SUBJECT:** Approval of Applications for LEAP Grant Funds

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### RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution 2021-003 (Resolution) authorizing applications for the Department of Housing and Community Development Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) Grant funds under the Local Government Planning Support Grant Program.

### BACKGROUND

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (Department) provides funding to jurisdictions as part of the Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) Grants Program under the broader program known as the Local Government Planning Support Grant Program. LEAP provides funding for the preparation and adoption of planning documents, process improvements that accelerate housing production, and processes or programs that facilitate compliance in implementing the sixth cycle of the regional housing needs assessment.

### ISSUES/ANALYSIS

In order to be eligible to apply for funding under the LEAP Grant, the California Department of Housing and Community development requires jurisdictions to obtain approval from their governing board authorizing agencies to apply for funding. Adoption of this Resolution will authorize the City Manager to apply for and submit applications for LEAP Grant funding; furthermore, adoption of this Resolution will authorize the City Manager to enter into, execute, and deliver, on behalf of the City, a State of California Agreement (Standard Agreement).

Should the City Council adopt Resolution 2021-003 authorizing the City Manager to submit applications for the LEAP Grant, City Staff will have the ability to prepare project proposals for consideration.

### FISCAL IMPACT

Without adoption of this resolution, the City will not be able to apply for or accept LEAP Grant funding in the amount of up to \$300,000.

### ALTERNATIVE(S)

1. Provide alternative direction to staff

**ATTACHMENT(S)**

1. Resolution 2021-003