



CITY OF BANNING STAFF REPORT

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Douglas Schulze, City Manager

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MEETING DATE: December 12, 2023

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution 2023-190, Accepting Grant Funds from the State of California, Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency in the Amount of \$908,461

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution 2023-190.

BACKGROUND:

The State of California has established the Encampment Resolution Funding Program (ERF). The Program is administered by the California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH) in the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency. ERF provides one-time, competitive grant funds to Continuums of Care and/or Local Jurisdictions. The Program's objective is to fund actionable, person-centered local proposals that resolve the experience of unsheltered homelessness for people residing in encampments.

JUSTIFICATION:

With the growing homeless population in the City of Banning it has become important the existing Opportunity Village be improved or expanded to continue to help the existing participants and any future participants. These funds will assist resolving the experiences of homelessness to address the safety and wellness of the people within encampments, resolve critical encampment concerns, and transition individuals into interim shelter with clear pathways to permanent housing or directly into permanent housing, using data informed, non-punitive, low-barrier, person-centered, Housing First, and coordinated approaches.

The City of Banning was awarded a grant in the amount of \$980,461.00 based on the needs of the community and the results of the existing shelter. This grant is unusual as it was funded upfront. Typically grants are reimbursed after proof of expenditure is submitted to the grantor.

FISCAL IMPACT:

100% of funds must be obligated and 50% of grant funds must be spent by June 30, 2024, and all projects must be completed and paid for by June 30, 2025. Failure to complete all projects by June 30, 2025, will result in forfeiture of those funds. Projects funded with this grant will be funded through account 810-9700-490.90-60. There is no fiscal impact to the City of Banning.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Adopt Resolution 2023-190
2. If the council declines to adopt Resolution 2023-190, the grant funds of \$980,461 must be returned to the State of California and all projects planned for these funds must be cancelled.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [Resolution 2023-190, Grant.docx](#)
1. [Cal ICH Agreement.pdf](#)