

REPORT TO THE MEASURE G OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

City of Salinas, California

DATE: October 27, 2016

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SUBJECT: **FARMWORKER HOUSING STUDY AND ACTION PLAN**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Measure G Oversight Committee provide comments to the City Council on the allocation of an additional \$115,000 of Measure G funding toward the Farmworker Housing Study and Action Plan project. (majority vote required)

DISCUSSION:

Background

The City Council has approved \$120,000 (\$20,000 in FY 2014-15 and \$100,000 in FY 2016-17) toward the the Farmworker Housing Study and Action Plan project. The purpose of the project is to:

- Develop a collective **Action Plan** to address farmworker housing shortages so employers can rely on trained stable workforce.
- Foster **regional collaboration** so that the supply of farmworker accommodations matches needs of specific types of farmworkers (e.g. seasonal unaccompanied vs. year-round family) and improves farmworker family health through safe living conditions.
- Provide current **data** to support advocacy for resources and resource allocation, e.g. supporting project financing by affordable housing developers.

Farmworker Housing Study and Action Plan - Progress to Date

- Regional discussion of collaboration and partnerships
- Oversight Committee of 25 partners and stakeholders formed
- Study boundaries defined as Pajaro Valley and Salinas Valley
- RFP issued in July, proposals received and reviewed
- Oversight Committee interviewed and selected consultant, recommending City Council approval of Professional Services Agreement with California Institute for Rural Studies on November 15, 2016

Budget, Contributions, Funding Gap

Partner Contributions FY 2016-17

· AMBAG	\$20,000
· Santa Cruz County	\$20,000
· Monterey County	\$25,000
· City of Watsonville	\$ 5,000
· City of Greenfield	\$ 5,000
· City of Soledad	\$ 5,000
· City of Gonzales	\$ 5,000
· City of King	\$ 5,000
· City of Salinas	<u>\$112,000</u> (amount remaining out of the \$120,000)

Total Contributions	\$202,000
Cost of Study	<u>\$317,000</u>
Funding Gap	<u>\$115,000</u>

Back Up Pages:
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