

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Administrative Office	(2) MEETING DATE 5/10/2016	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Nikki J. Schmidt 805/781-5496	
(4) SUBJECT Request approval of the policy for the Infrastructure/Beautification Grant Program. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that your Board approve the policy for the Infrastructure/Beautification Grant Program.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) FC 106 - Contributions to Other Agencies	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$100,000.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ____ ) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ____ )			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A    Date: _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Guy Savage			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts			

# County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Nikki J. Schmidt, Administrative Office

DATE: 5/10/2016

SUBJECT: Request approval of the policy for the Infrastructure/Beautification Grant Program. All Districts.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that your Board approve the policy for the Infrastructure/Beautification Grant Program.

## **DISCUSSION**

As part of the FY 2015-16 budget hearings, the Board approved \$100,000 for an infrastructure/beautification grant program. The intent of this program is to fund one-time public infrastructure and/or beautification projects deemed to be of benefit to the unincorporated County. The program, which was brought forward by members of the County's Business Improvement District (CBID) Advisory Board, is intended to enhance communities in such a way that benefits residents and tourists alike. Criteria include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Preservation of local historical and cultural assets;
- Tourism directional signage;
- Decorative lighting, benches, trash receptacles; or
- Public art on common objects such as trash cans or electrical boxes;

Proposals will be accepted on an annual basis and reviewed by a committee made up of representatives from the CBID Advisory Board and County staff. It is anticipated that a request for application (RFP) will be released soon after the Board's approval of the grant policy. For FY 2015-16, the Board will be asked to approve the Review Committee's recommendations as part of an agenda item. In the event the funding for this program continues for FY 2016-17 and beyond, beginning in FY 2017-18, recommendations will be part of the annual budget process.

## **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT**

The CBID Advisory Board assisted in the development of the grant policy and the request for application. County Counsel reviewed the policy for legal effect and form.

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The Board approved funding in the amount of \$100,000 for this program during FY 2015-16 budget hearings.

## **RESULTS**

The infrastructure/beautification projects funded through this program will enhance communities in the unincorporated areas by providing funds for projects such as walking trails, public art, decorative lighting, benches, or decorative landscaping. Enhancements such as these improve the community for its residents as well as providing a better experience for visitors to those communities.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Infrastructure/Beautification Grant Policy