

**TO:** James L. App, City Manager  
**FROM:** Doug Monn, Public Works Director  
**SUBJECT:** Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program /  
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA ) 2009  
**DATE:** December 15, 2009

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**NEEDS:** For City Council to consider accepting an ARRA grant administered by the California Energy Commission under the EECBG/ARRA Program.

- FACTS:**
1. The EECBG was developed to administer ARRA funds to small cities and counties.
  2. By formula (based on population), the City of El Paso de Robles is expected to receive \$156,082.55.
  3. EECBG/ARRA program funds may be used for cost-effective energy efficiency projects such as lighting retrofits and controls. Projects that identify the highest rate of energy savings will be considered.
  4. The project is estimated to save approximately \$1700 per month in electrical costs.
  5. The City Council is required to adopt the attached resolution in order to apply for this grant. The resolution was drafted by EECBG.

**ANALYSIS &**

**CONCLUSION:** Staff has reviewed the EECBG/ARRA guidelines and has determined that a project to retrofit the decorative light fixtures in the City (300 total) would provide the highest probability of being accepted to use these funds.

**POLICY**

**REFERENCE:** General Plan

**FISCAL**

**IMPACT:** The grant is administered by reimbursement. The City must first spend the money and then submit the invoice to the Energy Commission .

- OPTIONS:**
- a. Adopt Resolution No. 09-xx to:
    - 1) accept an EECBG/ARRA grant in the amount of \$156,082.55;
    - 2) authorize staff to submit an application to retrofit lights as noted in the staff report;
    - 3) acknowledge that the project is in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act.
  - b. Amend, modify, or reject the above option.

Prepared by: Ditas Esperanza, P.E., Capital Projects Engineer

Attachments (1): Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 09-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES  
REGARDING A 2009 ENERGY EFFICIENCY CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT (EECBG)/  
AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA ) GRANT

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WHEREAS, the City of El Paso de Robles recognizes that it is in the interest of the regional, state, and national economy to stimulate the economy; create and retain jobs; reduce fossil fuel emissions; and reduce total energy usage and improve energy efficiency within our jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) funds are available through the California Energy Commission's EECBG Program for grants to eligible local governments for cost-effective energy efficiency projects; and

WHEREAS, the EECBG Program allows for public agencies or non-profit entities to apply for EECBG funds on behalf of eligible local governments; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso de Robles is eligible for EECBG funding under the California Energy Commission's EECBG Program ; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso de Robles has considered the application of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to the approval of the energy efficiency project described in Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the CEQA, the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles does hereby find that the approval of the energy efficiency project described in Exhibit A is exempt under Categorical Exemption Class I because the project is a maintenance project that will not expand existing uses and is limited to only changing light fixtures.

SECTION 2. The City Council authorizes the City's Capital Project Engineer, Ditas Esperanza, to submit a collaborative application on its behalf to the California Energy Commission for up to \$156,083 in EECBG funds for the energy efficiency project described in Exhibit A.

SECTION 3. If recommended for funding by the California Energy Commission, the City Council authorizes the City Manager, James L. App, to accept a grant award on its behalf and to enter into all necessary contracts and agreements, and amendments thereto, on its behalf to implement and carry out the project described in Exhibit A.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Paso Robles this 15th day of December 2009 by the following vote:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

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Duane Picanco, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lonnie Dolan, Deputy City Clerk



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## Notice of Exemption

**To:**  Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121  
Sacramento, CA 95814

County Clerk  
County of San Luis Obispo  
County Government Center  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

**From:** City of Paso Robles  
1000 Spring Street  
Paso Robles, CA 93446

**Project Title:** EECBG/ARRA Grant – Lighting Retrofits

**Project Location - Specific:** Street lights: Niblick Bridge, 13<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge, Spring Street, Pine Street, City Hall, Transportation Center, 4<sup>th</sup> Street; City Hall and Library interior offices

**Project Location - City:** Paso Robles **Project Location - County:** San Luis Obispo

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** The project is to retrofit existing light standards and other fixtures with LED fixtures to reduce energy consumption and demand, and utility costs.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** City of Paso Robles

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Ditas Esperanza, Special Projects - Capital Improvements Engineer

**Exempt Status:** (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

**Reasons why project is exempt:** This project will not expand existing uses and will only consist of replacing existing light fixtures/maintenance project of existing facilities.

**Lead Agency**

**Contact Person:** Susan DeCarli, Planning Manager **Phone:** (805) 237-3970

**Signature:** Susan DeCarli **Date:** 11/19/09

Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_