

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Discussion to Reach Consensus on Category B and C TDC Grants Requirement for a Dollar for Dollar Match

OBJECTIVE: Clarify language in the application and agreements for Category “B” and “C” TDC Grants concerning matching funds.

CONSIDERATIONS: In the application and subsequent agreements for the current year (FY 08) grants, we inserted language calling for a “dollar for dollar match”, which had not previously been a requirement. What this additional requirement actually means, for example, is that on a grant of \$10,000 the grantee must spend a total of \$20,000 to get \$10,000 reimbursed. This poses a significant challenge to many of our small, non-profit grantees.

We are finding that some of our grantees are not in a financial position to spend a matching amount of money on the same project requested in the grant application. Staff’s intent was to clarify that these grants are by reimbursement only- meaning that the grantee must spend the amount of the approved grant up front, and then request reimbursement for those expenses that meet the requirements of the grant. Staff’s intent was not to double the amount spent by the grantee on the same requested project.

COUNTY ATTORNEY FINDING: The County Attorney will include any recommended language changes in future TDC grant agreements.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no additional fiscal impact from this action.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT IMPACT: There is no impact to the Growth Management Plan related to this action.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff requests the TDC discuss the possibility of changing the “dollar for dollar match” requirement to a reimbursement arrangement in the FY 09 grant application and resulting agreements.

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