



Report to City Council

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Marshall Eyerman, Chief Financial Officer

AGENDA DATE: June 5, 2018

TITLE: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORENO VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A PARTNERSHIP WITH GRID ALTERNATIVES TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN THEIR NO-COST SOLAR INSTALLATION PROGRAM FOR LOW-INCOME HOMEOWNERS

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Recommendation:

1. Approve Resolution No. 2018-XX. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Moreno Valley, California, establishing a partnership with Grid Alternatives to promote community participation in their no-cost solar installation program for low-income homeowners.

SUMMARY

Since Fiscal Year 2015/16, the City has funded Grid Alternatives through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to provide the installation of solar electric systems for low-income (80% AMI or lower) Moreno Valley homeowners with the assistance of job trainees and community volunteers.

This report recommends approval of a Resolution establishing a partnership with Grid Alternatives to promote community participation in their no-cost solar installation program for low-income homeowners.

As a City Partner with GRID Alternatives, the City agrees to promote GRID Alternatives Solar Energy Assistance and Training Program through the adoption of the formal City Council resolution to support GRID and promote GRID's Solar Energy Assistance and Training Program benefiting low-income homeowners and local workers. The City will also support the program by permitting GRID Alternatives to use the City name/logo on

a joint letter that Grid Alternatives can mail to residents in the City's CDBG area.

DISCUSSION

GRID Alternatives is a non-profit solar company that installs solar systems on qualifying homes, providing needed savings for families struggling to make ends meet while preparing workers for jobs in the fast-growing solar industry and cleaning the air. GRID Alternatives is a statewide program administrator for the California Utility Commission's Single-Family Affordable Solar Homes (SASH) Program and was recently awarded funds from the California's Cap and Trade Program.

The basic program guidelines are as follows:

- 1) Only owner occupied single-family homes are eligible.
- 2) Home must be in target area as established by either the Qualified Census Tract, as determined by the federal Housing and Urban Department, or by the Disadvantaged Community Area, as determined by the Cap and Trade Program.
- 3) Applicant's household income must be less than or equal to 80% of the area median income (Low-Income).
- 4) Funds provided as a grant.
- 5) Average funding of \$15,000 to \$20,000 per project.
- 6) No lien recorded against the property.
- 7) No home equity required.
- 8) No restriction on resale.

GRID Alternatives requested the City of Moreno Valley's collaboration to market the solar program with both the SASH and Cap and Trade funds.

The organization currently collaborates with several local cities, including Rancho Cucamonga, Upland, Perris, Redlands and Riverside.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve Resolution No. 2018-XX, establishing a partnership with Grid Alternatives to promote community participation in their no-cost solar installation program for low-income homeowners. *Approval of this Resolution shall support use of State and Federal grant funding to support low income households.* Staff recommends this alternative.
2. Do not approve Resolution No. 2018-XX, establishing a partnership with Grid Alternatives to promote community participation in their no-cost solar installation program for low-income homeowners.. Staff does not recommend this alternative.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no cost to the City for approval of the Resolution.

PREPARATION OF STAFF REPORT

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Department Head Approval:
Marshall Eyerman
Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer

CITY COUNCIL GOALS

Positive Environment. Create a positive environment for the development of Moreno Valley's future.

Community Image, Neighborhood Pride and Cleanliness. Promote a sense of community pride and foster an excellent image about our City by developing and executing programs which will result in quality development, enhanced neighborhood preservation efforts, including home rehabilitation and neighborhood restoration.

CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

1. Economic Development
2. Public Safety
3. Library
4. Infrastructure
5. Beautification, Community Engagement, and Quality of Life
6. Youth Programs

ATTACHMENTS

1. Grid Resolution

APPROVALS

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-XX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORENO VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A PARTNERSHIP WITH GRID ALTERNATIVES TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN THEIR NO-COST SOLAR INSTALLATION PROGRAM FOR LOW-INCOME HOMEOWNERS

WHEREAS, GRID Alternatives is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization that installs solar photovoltaic systems on qualifying properties and prepares workers for jobs in the fast-growing solar industry through their Solar Affordable Housing Program; and

WHEREAS, GRID Alternatives was contracted as the statewide program manager to implement the Single-Family Affordable Solar Homes (SASH) Program and is the primary installer and Program Manager for SASH; and

WHEREAS, through the Solar Affordable Housing Program and the SASH Program, GRID Alternatives installs solar photovoltaic systems at owner-occupied homes and whose household income do not exceed 80% of the area median income; and

WHEREAS, GRID Alternatives provides education on and access to energy efficiency programs that further reduce a household's energy consumption and expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Solar Affordable Housing Program and the SASH Program provide a foundation for promoting and building a sustainable solar industry by incorporating a workforce development and job training component into the programs; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted the City's Energy Efficiency and Climate Action Strategy, which encourages the increased use of renewable energy and, in particular, facilitating access to solar energy for homeowners.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORENO VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY FINDS, DETERMINES, AND DECLARES AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City Council hereby establishes a partnership with GRID Alternatives to promote participation in their no-cost solar installation program for low-income homeowners.
2. The City will also support the program by permitting GRID Alternatives to use the City name/logo on a joint letter that Grid Alternatives can mail to residents in the City's CDBG area.

3. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution.
4. The Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.
5. The City has the option to withdraw from the partnership with Grid Alternatives at any time.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of June 2018.

Mayor of the City of Moreno Valley

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

RESOLUTION JURAT

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE) ss.
CITY OF MORENO VALLEY)

I, Pat Jacquez-Nares, City Clerk of the City of Moreno Valley, California, do hereby certify that Resolution No. 2018-XX was duly and regularly adopted by the City Council of the City of Moreno Valley at a regular meeting thereof held on the 5th day of June 2018 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

(Council Members, Mayor Pro Tem and Mayor)

CITY CLERK

(SEAL)