

**TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Date: January 10, 2013

SUBJECT: Resolution of Support for US Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation Grant Application for the WaterSMART: Water and Energy Efficiency Grants for FY 2013.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Utilities Department

PREPARED BY: Neil Wadsworth, Utilities Director

AGENDA LOCATION: Comments/Communications , Consent , Work/Study ,
New Business , Public Hearing , Second Reading

ATTACHMENTS:

- a) Resolution No. 1821 for WaterSMART: Water and Energy Efficiency Grant application

SUMMARY BACKGROUND: The Bureau of Reclamation has issued Funding Opportunity Announcement No. R13SF80003 for its' WaterSMART: Water and Energy Efficiency Grants for FY 2013. The purpose of the grant is to help improve efficiencies in water management as it relates to water use and energy consumption. The grant has two funding levels: 1) Up to \$300,000 for a project of 2 years or less, and 2) Up to \$1,500,000 for a project of 3 years or less (not more than \$750,000 in any one year). Awarded grants will be no more than 50% of the total project costs.

Town staff is proposing to submit an application for grant funding based on enhancing the Town's radio read meter replacement program. This program is currently funded (FY12/13 budget) at \$500,000. At this current funding level, it will take approximately 4 – 5 years to complete the meter replacement program. Additional funding will allow us to expedite the program and reduce our costs. Our intent is to submit for both funding categories.

The goal of the Town's meter replacement program is to improve customer service, reduce costs, save energy, and increase operational efficiencies. The Town's water system has approximately 18,000 service connections and approximately 8,000 of these still utilize manual read meters.

OPTION ANALYSIS: The Council may vote to:

- 1.) Approve the resolution, **OR**
- 2.) Not approve the resolution, **AND/OR**
- 3.) Direct staff to pursue other options

ACTION OPTION: Motion to authorize the Mayor (or, in his absence, the Vice Mayor) to sign Resolution No. 1821 in support of the Bureau of Reclamation Grant Application for the WaterSMART: Water and Energy Efficiency Grants for FY 2013, **OR** Motion not to approve the resolution. **VOTE.**

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the Resolution.

FISCAL ANALYSIS: If the Town is successful in obtaining grant approval, Town staff will utilize existing budget funding as the Town's contribution and would request the Council's consideration for future funding if a multi-year award is obtained.

Fund	Description	Budget
511-7020-641-6126	Minor Equipment	\$500,000 (for water meters)

REVIEWED BY:

Management Services Director _____

Town Clerk _____

Town Attorney _____

Town Manager _____

COUNCIL ACTION:

Approved Denied Tabled/Deferred Assigned to _____

RESOLUTION NO. 1821

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF ARIZONA, APPROVING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, BUREAU OF RECLAMATION (Funding Opportunity No: R13SF80003) REQUESTING UP TO \$1.5 MILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDING TO SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT AND COMPLETE THE ACTIVITIES OUTLINED IN SAID APPLICATION; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE EFFECTIVE AFTER ITS PASSAGE AND APPROVAL ACCORDING TO LAW.

WHEREAS, THE TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY, hereinafter known as “The Town,” is desirous of partnering with the Bureau of Reclamation to forward its goals for improved water management; and

WHEREAS, The Town is desirous of seeking outside funding sources to support its goals and planned activities; and

WHEREAS, The Town has the professional expertise and financial ability to successfully implement the grant, including adherence to deadlines and reporting requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

That the Mayor and Common Council hereby approve the application to the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation and authorizes Neil Wadsworth, Director of the Town Utilities Department to take all necessary steps to complete and submit said application.

RESOLVED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Prescott Valley, Arizona, this 10th day of January 2013.

Harvey C. Skoog, Mayor

ATTEST:

Diane Russell, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Ivan Legler, Town Attorney