

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS  
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION (RCA)**

**DEPARTMENT:** Community and Human Development

**AGENDA DATE:** 09/14/10

**CONTACT PERSON/PHONE:** Bill Lilly, Director (541-4643)

**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** 1, 3, 6, 7, and 8

**SUBJECT:**

Discussion and action on a resolution approving the September 2010 – August 2011 budget for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Empowerment Zone Planning and Implementation Grant Program (Agreement No. EZ-99-TX-0013).

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

In April 1999, the City received an Empowerment Zone (EZ) designation by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The geographic boundaries include sections of Districts 1, 3, 6, 7 and 8.

In June 2008, the City submitted a revised Strategic Plan to HUD outlining the proposed expenditure of the remaining grant funds at the time and anticipated RLF program income, in accordance with the EZ community's input. Although the grant period end date of August 9, 2010 impacted the expenditure of grant dollars, the City still has the obligation to administratively monitor nine economic opportunity grant agreements. Further, there remains approximately \$2 million in program income to be utilized for the EZ Revolving Loan Fund or other HUD-approved EZ-eligible activities.

In accordance with Empowerment Zone regulations, administrative costs continue to be an eligible expenditure of the program income dollars in the City's possession. The Empowerment Zone Advisory Board reviewed and unanimously approved recommendation of the proposed FY11 program budget (**Exhibit A**) at its August 26, 2010 meeting.

Personnel included in the administrative budget are the Empowerment Zone Coordinator and Project Compliance Specialist.

As of the posting of this item, the estimated Empowerment Zone RLF program income is \$2,000,000. The administrative budget is limited to 10% of the overall budget.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

none

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

The El Paso Empowerment Zone Planning and Implementation Grant's residual program income is administered by the Community and Human Development Department. The approximate \$2,000,000 EZ Revolving Loan Fund revenue is deposited in account numbers 71150075-11002-405065-G71EZBOF (principal) and 71150075-11002-405066-G71EZBOF (interest).

**BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:**

The EZ Advisory Board reviewed and unanimously approved the proposed budget on August 26, 2010.

\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:**

  
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cc: Deborah G. Hamlyn, Deputy City Manager, Quality of Life



Exhibit "A"  
**EMPOWERMENT ZONE GRANT**  
City of El Paso – Community and Human Development Department

**FY 2011 Empowerment Zone Budget**

Description	FY 11 Sep 2010 – Aug 2011
Salaries Wages & Employee Benefits	143,000
Contractual Services	24,100
Material and Supplies	2,000
Operating Expenditures	30,900
Non-Operating Expenditures (New Loans)	1,800,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>

## RESOLUTION

### BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Empowerment Zone Planning and Implementation Grant Program Administrative Budget for the period of September 2010 – August 2011, attached hereto as Exhibit "A", is hereby approved.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of September, 2010.

### THE CITY OF EL PASO:

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John F. Cook  
Mayor

### ATTEST:

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Richarda Duffy Momsen  
City Clerk

### APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Marie A. Taylor  
Assistant City Attorney

### APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

  
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William L. Lilly, Director  
Community and Human Development



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