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RESOLUTION OF COMMITMENT IN SUPPORT OF A SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES REGIONAL PLANNING GRANT.

Presented by: John L. Schlegel, Director of Planning.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the grant Resolution of Commitment (ROC).

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has invited the Regional Economic Area Partnership (REAP) to apply for a Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant to support metropolitan and multi-jurisdictional planning efforts that integrate housing, economic and workforce development, transportation, and infrastructure investments. This effort will help build regional capacity to compete in the global economy. To qualify for this grant, REAP is creating a regional consortium that includes the City of Wichita (the city with the largest population), the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (the region's MPO), and all counties and their respective county seats in the Metropolitan Statistical Area (Sedgwick, Butler, Harvey and Sumner) plus Reno County. Other private and non-profit entities have agreed to be partners in the consortium.

REAP will submit, oversee and implement the grant application. It will also hire a project manager to oversee the development of the plan. The actual grant amount request by REAP is currently being finalized. The application is due on October 6, 2011.

Sedgwick County has been asked by REAP to participate as a consortium member and also serve as fiscal agent for the grant program. As fiscal agent, Sedgwick County would pay the grant-related bills of the consortium and then seek reimbursement from HUD for its expenditures. Sedgwick County would also be responsible for preparing and submitting the grant's financial reports and complying with any related fiscal audit requirements.

The Resolution of Commitment pledges Sedgwick County to be a member of the consortium, to serve as fiscal agent, and to provide those staff services outlined in the ROC which will be used as in-kind match for the grant. There is no cash match requirement from the County and no County staff will be added to work on this grant.

It is the recommendation of staff that the Board of County Commissioners approve the Resolution of Commitment and authorize the necessary signatures.

Alternatives: The Commission has the option of not authorizing the Resolution of Commitment to participate in the REAP consortium.

Financial Considerations: There is no cash match requirement from the County and no County staff will be added to work on this grant.

Legal Considerations: The authority for this action is K.S.A. 19-101. A simple majority is required.

Policy Considerations: None

Outside Attendees: None

Multimedia Presentation: None