

RESOLUTION NO. 2897-12

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
OF THE TOWN OF WINDSOR
AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE SMALL CITIES ENERGY EFFICIENCY
AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Town of Windsor recognizes that it is in the interest of the regional, state and national economy to stimulate the economy; create and retain jobs; reduce fossil fuel emissions; and reduce total energy usage and improve energy efficiency within our jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) funds are available through the California Energy Commission's EECBG Program for grants to eligible local governments for cost-effective energy efficiency projects; and

WHEREAS, the EECBG Program allows for public agencies or non-profit entities to apply for EECBG funds on behalf of eligible local governments; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Windsor is eligible for EECBG funding under the California Energy Commission's EECBG Program; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Windsor is proposing to collaborate and lead the other small cities of Sonoma County to implement the energy efficiency project(s) described in Exhibit A for the purpose of qualifying for EECBG funds from the California Energy Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Windsor has considered the application of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to the approval of the energy efficiency project(s) described in Exhibit A; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in compliance with the CEQA, the Town Council of the Town of Windsor finds that the approval of the energy efficiency project(s) described in Exhibit A is not a "project" under CEQA and is exempt under 15061(b)(3) because the activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Windsor authorizes staff to submit a collaborative application to the California Energy Commission for up to \$139,415 in EECBG funds for the energy efficiency projects described in Exhibit A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if recommended for funding by the California Energy Commission, the Town Council of the Town of Windsor authorizes the Town Manager to accept a grant award on its behalf and to enter into all necessary contracts and agreements, and amendments thereto, on its behalf to implement and carry out the project(s) described in Exhibit A.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of March 2012, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS GOBLE, SALMON, SCHOLAR AND
MAYOR FUDGE
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBER ALLEN



DEBORA FUDGE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



**J. MATTHEW MULLAN,
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK**

Attachment:
Exhibit A

Exhibit A

Town of Windsor's proposed Energy Efficiency projects for participation in the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program:

1. Conversion of approximately 120 Acorn street light fixtures from 75 and 100 watt high pressure sodium to 40 watt induction.
2. Conversion of approximately 120 Cobra head street lights from 100 watt high pressure sodium bulbs to LED high- efficiency fixtures.