SUBJECT:
Consideration of a Resolution Approving Submission of the 2019 Infill Infrastructure Grant Program to the California State Department of Housing and Community Development for funding in an amount not to exceed $1,000,000 for the Downtown Madera Veterans and Family Housing project located on the northwest and southeast corners of 5th and C Streets in downtown Madera

RECOMMENDATION:
Staff recommends the City Council (Council)

1) Adopt a Resolution Authorizing Submittal of a Joint Application to the California State Department of Housing and Community Development for 2019 Infill Infrastructure Grant Program Funding in an Amount not to exceed $1,000,000 for the Downtown Madera Veterans and Family Housing Project Located on the Northwest and Southwest Corners of 5th and C Streets in Downtown; and

2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the resolution on behalf of the City.

SUMMARY:
The Downtown Madera Veteran’s and Family Housing Project consisting of forty-eight (48) units on C and 5th Streets has obtained funding to construct this affordable housing complex, however, budget estimates for the undergrounding of utility lines along 5th Street and the alley ways adjoining the two sites are significantly higher than originally projected. The developers therefore seek the City’s support in applying for additional funds from the Infill Infrastructure Grant Program from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). It is anticipated that the City and Pacific West Communities, Inc. will be co-applicants.
DISCUSSION:
The City has supported the project as a desirable infill affordable housing facility that is consistent with the General Plan and the City’s efforts to provide for this underserved segment of the population. There were also numerous community outreach meetings and burying the utility lines were conditions of approval. The development is a joint venture between Pacific West Communities, Inc. and MORES, Inc. an affiliated 501 (C)3 nonprofit of the Madera Housing Authority.

Under the grant regulations, a nonprofit or for-profit Developer of a Qualifying Infill Project may apply jointly with a city that has jurisdiction of the Qualifying Infill Area for grant funding for infrastructure needs. The submittal of the grant application does not guarantee funding; however, if awarded, it would make the project more feasible.

ALTERNATIVES:
Potential Council alternatives include:
1. Request that staff seek alternative funding sources.
2. Request that staff conduct additional research.

ATTACHMENT:
1. Resolution
RESOLUTION __________

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA APPROVING SUBMISSION OF THE 2019 INFILL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM TO THE CALIFORNIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR FUNDING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $1,000,000 FOR THE DOWNTOWN MADERA VETERANS AND FAMILY HOUSING PROJECT LOCATED ON THE NORTHWEST AND SOUTHEAST CORNERS OF 5TH AND C STREETS IN DOWNTOWN MADERA

WHEREAS, Pacific West Communities, Inc. is authorized to do business in the State of California; and

WHEREAS, Pacific West Communities wishes to apply jointly with the City for and receive an allocation of funds through the Infill Infrastructure Grant Program (“IIG”); and

WHEREAS, The State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD”) has issued a Notice of Funding Availability (“NOFA”) for IIG established under Assembly Bill 101 (Chapter 159, Statutes of 2019) and Part 12.5 (commencing with section 53559) of Division 31 of the Health and Safety Code, which authorizes HCD to approve funding allocations utilizing monies made available by the State Legislature, subject to the terms and conditions of the statute and the IIG Guidelines implemented October 30, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to apply for and receive an allocation of funds under the Infill Infrastructure Program jointly with Pacific West Communities, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Madera resolves as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals are deemed true and correct.

2. The City Council authorizes the submittal of a joint application with Pacific West Communities Inc. pursuant to the above-described Notice of Funding Availability in an amount not to exceed $1,000,000 (the "IIG Grant").

3. The City Council authorizes Arnoldo Rodriguez, City Manager, to execute in the name of the City the application, the Standard Agreement, and all documents required by HCD for participation in the Infill Infrastructure Grant Program and and any and all other documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate to carry into effect the full intent and purpose of this resolution, in order to evidence the IIG Grant, the Recipients' obligations related thereto, and HCD security therefore; including, but not limited to, an affordable housing covenant, a performance deed of trust, a disbursement agreement, and certain other documents required by HCD as security for, evidence of or pertaining to the IIG Grant, and all amendments thereto (collectively, the "IIG Grant Documents").

4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.