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Finance Commissioners/Council,

The 5 year plan calls for achieving our CIP goals, and one of the problems in the past with funding these heavy-capital projects is finding the external funding required to start the process.

For budget 24-25, the City should look to fund an internal position that is solely responsible for Grants/External Funding. We have a lot in the General Plan/DTSP/CAP/GreenActionPlan/etc that require heavy capital investment, but most require outside funding sources.

As it exists today, staff does not have the bandwidth/resources to track down, let alone apply, to the grants/funding available that our city would be a shoe-in to get. And most of our council-approved plans go unrealized due to a lack of a funding source.

Having a dedicated staff member on this would pay for itself exponentially, and we might finally be able to see so many of our great plans come to fruition.

Thank you!

Mike