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**City Manager's Report**  
**January 30, 2024, City Council Workshop**  
**Prepared by: Cleve Morris, City Manager**  
**Item #: 5.1**

**Subject:** Review future major project needs and discuss options to fund those projects.

**Recommendation:** Discuss major project needs and potential funding options for those projects. No formal action to be taken.

**Purpose:** To discuss various project needs in the City and potential options to fund those projects. Reviewing and prioritizing project needs and receiving public input.

**Strategic Plan Strategy:** Infrastructure

1. Strategy – Public Safety Building

**Background:** In February of 2022, the City completed and Public Safety Space Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study (Attachment A). The study recommended cost savings in developing a joint Police/Fire facility to house Administration and operations for the City of Placerville Police Department and the El Dorado County Fire Protection District. Since that time the City has proceeded with evaluation of three potential sites for the facility, and is currently in the process of purchasing one of the sites.

Earlier this year, the Fire District was able to obtain a \$1,000,000 grant from the State thanks to the efforts of Senator Alvarado-Gill. These funds will be used to purchase the property and do the initial environmental work for the site. Funding is also set aside to assist with plan preparation prior to going to bid.

In addition to this effort, staff has been exploring various options to fund the project. The first option is and will continue to be to attempt to obtain grant funding for the project. Staff has been reviewing those options and is currently exploring Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program through the US Department of Agriculture Rural Development. Attachment B to this document outlines the potential levels of grant and loan. Currently the City is slightly above the threshold for a 35% grant. Staff will continue to monitor this program as well as others to assist in funding the project.

As staff was reviewing this project, other projects came up that will also need attention in the near future. The attached document ( Attachment C) outlines those projects and potential funding options for those.

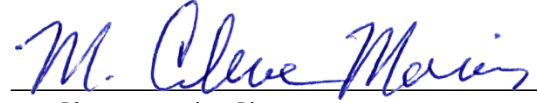
**Discussion:** No formal direction will be given at this meeting. However, staff is looking for information from the Council and the public to guide future recommendations.

**Options:** NA

**Environmental Review:** NA

**Cost:** NA

**Budget Impact:** NA



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Attachments:

- A. Public Safety Building Needs Assessment
- B. USDA Community Facilities Grant Program
- C. Project Funding Options
- D. Cost Spreadsheet
- E. Public Safety Building Funding Requirements
- F. Sales Tax Comparison Dec 2023