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It's Official: Final Paperwork Signed for Ontario's \$33.25 Million TCC Grant

ONTARIO, Calif. – The City of Ontario has formally signed the paperwork for its \$33.25 million grant awarded by the California Strategic Growth Council, which will finance the City's planned development of a modern urban village in and around its historic downtown core.

The highly-competitive Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) grant was awarded to Ontario in 2018 to support the city's plans to create new economic opportunities and improve the health and well-being of residents. The development plan includes modern affordable housing, multimodal transportation, an urban greening program, an expansive rollout of solar energy, a small business incubator and workforce and career training.

The TCC funds are intended to support communities committed to reducing greenhouse-gas emissions and improving environmental, economic and health outcomes for their residents.

"This is an exciting moment for Ontario, and we hope, once again, that we can serve as a model for other communities," said Mayor Paul S. Leon. "As a City Council, it has long been our vision to bring all these pieces together in a way that has a profound,



transformative impact on the City. We're grateful for the Strategic Growth Council's confidence in us, and for the countless community partners who helped make this happen."

Among the projects included in the downtown plan:

- A 101-unit affordable housing development located on Holt Avenue, just west of Grove Avenue – in partnership with National Community Renaissance.
- Increased bus service along Euclid Avenue and a network of bicycle and pedestrian facilities throughout the area.
- The community-run Ontario Carbon Farm, will be initiating a pilot program to collect organic waste to create composting in support of growing healthy soils for our community.
- The planting of 365 trees in the project area.
- A small business incubator program and enhanced workforce training and job placement services.
- The installation of rooftop solar on up to 100 single- and multi-family homes. In addition to the energy and environmental benefits, the weatherization program will provide training and job benefits for residents.

"The SGC is thrilled to see Ontario's hard work come to fruition as their plans for transforming the City become a reality. We're looking forward to seeing the impacts of this investment resonate in the community for generations to come," said SGC Executive Director Louise Bedsworth.

Many of the projects will break ground or kick off in the coming months. Others will be rolled out in phases over the next few years. To learn more about the TCC grant, visit www.ontariotogether.com.

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About the City of Ontario

The City of Ontario *Elevates* the quality-of-life by creating urban lifestyle districts that create sustainable places to live, work and play. Located just 35 miles east of downtown Los Angeles, the City of Ontario is ideally situated as Southern California's gateway. With three major interstates, two railroads and the Ontario International Airport, Ontario offers direct access from Los Angeles to the rest of California and to



North America. With over 177,000 residents and residential development on the rise, Ontario is well-positioned for growth in the next two decades, making it one of the 100 most populated cities in the nation. Complementing its business and residential core, Ontario offers premium entertainment venues such as the Ontario Convention Center, Citizens Business Bank Arena, and the Ontario Mills Mall. To learn more about the City of Ontario, visit www.ontarioca.gov or call (909) 395-2000.

About the Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) Program

The Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) Program funds community-led development and infrastructure projects that achieve significant environmental, health and economic benefits in California's most impacted communities. This program is administered by the Strategic Growth Council (SGC) which coordinates the activities of State agencies and partners with stakeholders to promote sustainability, equity, and quality of life for all Californians. Learn more: www.sgc.ca.gov/programs/tcc.

The TCC Program is part of California Climate Investments, a statewide program that puts billions of Cap and Trade dollars to work reducing GHG emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment – particularly in disadvantaged communities. For more information, visit the California Climate Investments website at: www.caclimateinvestments.ca.gov.

