

March 17, 2010

Dear ,

Grant Funding from EDA

The South County Economic Development Council has received approval for the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) from the County Board of Supervisors. (CEDS report available at www.SouthCountyEDC.com). As part of this report a projects list with descriptions for projects that may request future funds from the Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) needs to be created and submitted to the EDA.

There are several different activities that may be eligible for funding. For example, funding assistance for infrastructure may be available for projects that lead to job creation. Another example is funding to finance projects that advance the “green economy” in distressed communities. Please see the attached outline of programs and investment priorities. For additional guidance you are encouraged to visit the EDA website at www.eda.gov . Furthermore, in my discussions with our local EDA representative he has indicated that there is some trade funds available from the current administration for designated areas. While the San Diego/Imperial Valley is not a currently designated area I believe we should explore the criteria at the meeting to determine if our areas might be eligible.

I am hopeful that you have projects that may qualify for EDA funds. South County Economic Development Council would like to help you access those funds. Our Southern California EDA representative will attend the next CEDS meeting on **April 14, 2010 at South County Career Center 1111 Bay Blvd Ste E, Chula Vista, CA**. The public is invited to share their proposals at this meeting to have it considered by the CEDS Committee and to also have some initial feedback on the proposal from the EDA.

To accomplish this please provide your project information on the form attached to this letter and return the form no later than March 30, 2010 via fax at 619-424-5738 or email to Cindy@SouthCountyEDC.com. The form will be presented to the CEDS Committee and our EDA representative and as appropriate forwarded to the County Board of Supervisors and then to the EDA with a funding request. I encourage you to attend the meeting on April 14, 2010 to present your project.

If I can assist you with defining your projects or, if you need further information please don't hesitate to contact me at 619-424-5143.

Sincerely,

Cindy Gompper-Graves
Chief Executive Officer