



CITY OF COSTA MESA

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Agenda Report

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Meeting Date: 11/19/2024

TITLE:

ACCEPTANCE OF CALRECYCLE SB 1383 LOCAL ASSISTANCE OWR4 GRANT FUNDS

DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT / GENERAL SERVICES
DIVISION

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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council:

1. Accept \$295,972 in grant funds from the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) SB 1383 Local Assistance OWR4 Grant Program.
2. Authorize the City Manager or designee with signature authority to execute all documents necessary to implement the grant and all grant-related reports to CalRecycle.
3. Authorize revenue and expense appropriations in the amounts of \$295,972, respectively, to account for the SB 1383 grant award in the City's State Grant Fund (Fund 231).

BACKGROUND:

In September 2016, Governor Edmund Brown Jr. set methane emissions reduction targets for California (SB 1383 Lara, Chapter 395, Statutes of 2016) in a statewide effort to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants (SLCP). SB 1383 aims to reduce emissions of SLCP by 75% by 2025; and achieve 20% edible food recovery by 2025. These regulations require jurisdictions to implement a variety of organic waste recovery programs including curbside collection, education and outreach, contamination monitoring, edible food recovery, procurement, and inspection and enforcement.

In order to assist municipalities with the implementation of the SB 1383, CalRecycle provides grants for various projects within the program. The subject Local Assistance Grant Program (OWR4) is intended to provide jurisdictions with a one-time upfront payment to assist in implementing the various programs relating to education outreach, collection, edible food recovery, enforcement and inspection, procurement, and recordkeeping. Eligible projects include:

- Capacity Planning;
- Collection;
- Edible Food Recovery;
- Education and outreach;
- Enforcement and Inspection;
- Program Evaluation/Gap Analysis;
- Procurement Requirements; and
- Record Keeping.

During the previous cycle, the City received \$159,969 as a part of the first round of SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant, which was awarded in 2022. This funding was used to cover consultant fees, education, personnel, and edible food recovery efforts.

ANALYSIS:

The FY 2022-23 Budget Act allocated \$180,000,000 to be used to assist local jurisdictions in the implementation of SB 1383 regulations; CalRecycle allocated \$90,000,000 to the SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program.

The City of Costa Mesa has taken numerous actions to address climate change and meet SB 1383 requirements. Since the City revised its municipal code and successfully updated the non-exclusive agreements with seven haulers in 2021, the City was eligible for the first round of funding.

City staff submitted a grant application again in November 2023 to support its ongoing efforts in edible food recovery, education and outreach, and capacity planning. The City was successful in securing \$295,972 in grant funding in this grant cycle. Staff requests City Council to accept the grant and authorize City Manager or designee to execute the necessary agreements for the administration of the grant.

ALTERNATIVES:

The City may opt to not accept the grant funding awarded by CalRecycle. Staff does not recommend this as the City would then be required to rely on internal budget resources to meet State mandates.

FISCAL REVIEW:

Revenue and expense appropriations in the amounts of \$295,972, respectively, will be established in the City's State Grant Fund (Fund 231) for the SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant award.

LEGAL REVIEW:

The City Attorney's Office has reviewed the staff report and it approves it as to form.

CITY COUNCIL GOALS AND PRIORITIES:

This item works toward achieving the following City Council goals:

- Advance Environmental Sustainability and Climate Resiliency
- Strengthen the Public's Safety and Improve the Quality of Life.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends the City Council:

1. Accept \$295,972 CalRecycle's SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program that was recently awarded to the City.
2. Authorize the City Manager or designee with signature authority to execute all documents necessary to implement the grant and all grant-related reports to CalRecycle.
3. Authorize revenue and expense appropriations in the amounts of \$295,972, respectively to account for the SB 1383 grant award in the City's State Grant Fund (Fund 231).