



City of Costa Mesa

Agenda Report

77 Fair Drive
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

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Meeting Date: 6/21/2022

TITLE:

ACCEPTANCE OF CALRECYCLE SB 1383 LOCAL ASSISTANCE GRANT

DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT/ ADMINISTRATION

PRESENTED BY: RAJA SETHURAMAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council:

1. Accept \$159,969 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 \$159,969, respectively, to account for the SB 1383 grant award in the City's FY2021-22 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% of 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 January 2022, the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) announced the availability of the SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program intended to provide jurisdictions with a one-time grant to assist in implementing the various programs.

All jurisdictions will receive a minimum distribution of \$20,000; the remaining allocation of \$57 million will be split, based upon population, amongst the jurisdictions with approved applications. Eligible projects and initiative include:

- Capacity Planning
- Collection
- Edible Food Recovery
- Education and outreach (includes organic waste & edible food recovery)
- Enforcement and Inspection
- Program Evaluation/Gap Analysis
- Procurement Requirements (using recycled organic products - compost, mulch, electricity, and/or renewable gas, and recycled paper and paper products)
- Record Keeping

ANALYSIS:

The Circular Economy Package allocated \$60 million for the SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program. SB 170 Budget Act of 2021 authorizes CalRecycle to award grants to local jurisdictions to assist in the implementation of programs to meet SB 1383 statutory requirements.

First round funding went to applicants who certified that they will have an enforceable ordinance(s), or similarly enforceable mechanism (Title 14, CCR, section 18981.2) submitted to CalRecycle by April 1, 2022 and will have their resolution(s) with, if applicable, Letters of Authorization submitted by the March 1, 2022 due date. All other applicants will have until June 14, 2022 to submit the aforementioned documentation and will receive second round funding.

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 executed non-exclusive agreements with seven haulers in 2021, the City was eligible for the first round of funding.

City staff submitted a grant application in January 2022 to support its ongoing efforts in edible food recovery, education and outreach, and capacity building. On April 27, 2022, the City received an award notification from CalRecycle stating that a one-time grant amount of \$159,969 was awarded to assist with the implementation of regulation requirements associated with SB 1383. See Attachments 1, 2 and 3 for details.

ALTERNATIVES:

The City may decline to 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:

Upon approval by City Council, revenue and expense appropriations in the amounts of \$159,969, respectively, will be established in the City's FY2021-22 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 approves it as to form.

CITY COUNCIL GOALS AND PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following City Council Goals:

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

CONCLUSION:

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