

Agenda Report

September 11, 2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Public Works Department

SUBJECT: ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATIONS AND AGREEMENTS TO CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES RECYCLING AND RECOVERY FOR GRANT FUNDING

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3) (common sense exemption); and
2. Adopt a resolution approving the submittal of all applications and agreements to California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) for all CalRecycle eligible grant and payment programs through September 11, 2028.

BACKGROUND:

CalRecycle oversees various programs to assist local governments in implementing safe and effective waste management initiatives. These initiatives encompass various activities, such as Hazardous Household Waste (HHW) collection, public education, source reduction, reuse, and recycling. To support smaller projects that complement existing regional HHW programs, CalRecycle has introduced a grant cycle offering a \$50,000 grant award to individual applicants. This resolution grants the City the authority to apply for the CalRecycle HHW (small projects) grants, and any other CalRecycle grants for which the City may be eligible through September 11, 2028.

The City of Pasadena provides its residents and businesses with multiple HHW collection programs and events. The City has established convenient battery and compact fluorescent lamp (CFL) collection sites at libraries and community centers. Additionally, the City offers specialized "sharps" mail-back containers to accommodate approximately 4,500 residents who need to self-inject outside of traditional healthcare facilities. Through a partnership with the Los Angeles County Department of Public

Works, the City also conducts biennial HHW roundup collection events. Moreover, the City actively promotes LA Sanitation S.A.F.E. collection Centers to further enhance HHW disposal options.

With CalRecycle's ongoing support and this new grant cycle, local governments and entities in California have greater opportunities to bolster their HHW programs. By encouraging the expansion of safe disposal methods, public awareness, and recycling efforts, these initiatives contribute to a cleaner and healthier environment for communities across the state. The \$50,000 grant award serves as a crucial resource, empowering individual applicants to implement innovative projects that align with and enhance existing HHW initiatives in their respective regions.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

This resolution is consistent with the City Council's goal of increasing conservation and sustainability. It supports the United Nations Urban Environmental Accords of 2005 Action 4 of achieving zero waste to landfills and incinerators by 2040 as well as the Zero Waste Strategic Plan adopted by Council in October 2014. The resolution also supports reducing the use of disposable product category, protecting the watershed and helping to promote a clean and sustainable environment. Finally, the resolution supports the City's General Plan Goal Number 10, which is to establish Pasadena as a leader on environmental stewardship efforts.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

These actions have been determined to be categorically exempt under the CEQA Guidelines in accordance with Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 19, Section 15061 (b)(3), the commonsense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

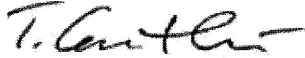
With the authority provided through the attached resolution, the City will continue to apply for eligible CalRecycle grant programs and recognize any awarded revenue appropriations as necessary to offset expenses. If the HHW grant application is approved, the City will receive approximately \$50,000 to complement the City's existing programs for HHW collection, public education, source reduction, reuse, and recycling. These funds will be deposited to the Refuse Fund - (40622086-646100).

Respectfully submitted,



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