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City Manager's Report
December 12, 2023, City Council Meeting
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Item #: 7.7

Subject: Consider a Resolution granting the City Manager and the Development Services Director signature authority and authorize making application for the FY 2022-2023 SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program funding.

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution:

1. Authorizing the Development Services Director on behalf of the City of Placerville to make application for funding from CalRecycle's FY 2022-2023 SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant in the amount of \$75,720.00; and
2. Authorizing the City Manager, or the Development Services Director, authority to execute on behalf of the City of Placerville all grant-related documents, including, but not limited to, applications, payment requests, agreements, and amendments necessary to secure grant funds and to implement the approved grant program.

Purpose: To authorize submittal of the FY 2022-23 SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program application in the amount of \$75,000.00 to assist with SB 1383 regulation requirements and to grant signature authority to City staff allowing for submittal of the FY 2022-23 SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program with CalRecycle for use in continued implementation of the compost procurement program.

Placerville Strategic Plan: Health & Public Safety-No. 8: Solid Waste Disposal.

Background: In September 2016, the State set targets for methane emissions reduction (SB 1383 Lara, Chapter 395, Statutes of 2016) in an effort to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants. These targets require a 50% reduction of organic waste disposal by 2020, 75 percent by 2025, and a 20 percent recovery of disposed surplus edible food by 2015.

To assist local agencies with these State targets, CalRecycle is administering the "SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program" to aid in implementation of regulation requirements under SB 1383. The grant amount estimates are based on population. The City has already received \$21,070 grant for FY 2021-2022. These funds were used to implement the City's compost procurement program which is on-going.

\$90,000,000 in State funds is available for the Fiscal Year 2022-23. City staff submitted an application with CalRecycle for FY 2022-23 SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program for an estimate award of \$75,720.00 (see Attachment B for application Budget).

Discussion:

\$90,000,000 in State funds is available for the SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program. City staff submitted an application on November 15, 2023, with CalRecycle for FY 2022-23 SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program for an estimate award of \$75,720.00 (see Attachment B for application Budget).

The purpose of this item is primarily to provide authorization to the City Manager and the Development Services Director signature authority to execute all grant related documents. This was not a requirement of the FY 2021-22 Local Assistance Grant Program application.

Should the City receive grant funding, said funds will be used to address several different aspects of SB-1383 implementation, including education and outreach, procurement of compost, and further development of compost sites. Residential customers will benefit from education including organics and acceptable materials guides. BPI compostable bags will also be made available to residents with the expectation that it will increase organics recycling. City residents have noted that smells and pests are the biggest challenge to their SLCP reduction efforts and compostable bags have shown to increase participation in neighboring communities.

Improvements to the City's Community Compost Site will benefit the longevity of the site and help control erosion. A prefabricated steel canopy will be installed to cover the compost site located at 600 Truck Street, protecting any compost from rain and runoff. Covering compost in the Summer benefits the health of the compost by controlling temperature and preventing it from becoming dry and blowing away. Moisture control of the compost pile is important in reducing the risk of fire. Building the public demand for compost is required to meet the procurement goals of SB-1383. An event in the late Spring of 2024 will be held to encourage the use of compost in gardens and on landscaping. GEOBIN composting systems will be provided for residents to encourage backyard composting. Education will be given to community residents on topics of composting, vermicomposting, gardening, and recycling programs in general. Development of an additional Community Composting Site, open and stocked seasonally, will aid in bringing compost closer to many residents who live in other areas of the city. Hauling fees associated with procurement goals will also be utilized allowing for the City to meet its procurement targets in 2024 and 2025.

Grant management will be managed by the city staff. Development of education and events will be a shared responsibility of the City and its hauler, El Dorado Disposal. The El Dorado Disposal Sustainability team will track performance of the educational campaign by utilizing additional route reviews in the City to identify performance changes and areas that need improvement.

Options:

1. Adopt the Resolution as presented.
2. Adopt the Resolution with revisions.
3. Direct staff to take other actions.

Environmental: The activities to be funding by the CalRecycle's SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program are exempt from environmental review pursuant Section 15308 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines under the Class 8 exemption consisting of actions taken by regulatory agencies to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for the protection of the environment; and Section 5304 (Minor Alterations to Land-continued operation of the compost site).

Cost: No cost to the City. All staff costs, purchase of educational materials, and the continued implementation of the compost procurement program will be covered by the grant.

Budget: The anticipated \$75,720.00 in grant funding was not included in the adopted Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Operating Budget.



M. Cleve Morris, City Manager



Pierre Rivas, Development Services Director

Attachments:

- A. Resolution
- B. FY2022-23 SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program Budget