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# City Council Memorandum

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL** **DATE: MARCH 7, 2023**

**FROM: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT** **WARDS: ALL**

**SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES RECYCLING AND RECOVERY (CALRECYCLE) ILLEGAL DISPOSAL SITE ABATEMENT GRANT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2022/23 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$402,000 – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION**

## **ISSUE:**

Adoption of a Resolution authorizing an application for funding in the amount of \$402,000 from the FY 2022/23 Illegal Disposal Site Abatement Grant Program offered by the California Department of Resources and Recovery (CalRecycle).

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the City Council:

1. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to apply for and secure the available funds on behalf of the City available under the California Department of Resources and Recovery (CalRecycle) Illegal Disposal Site Abatement Grant Program, and carryout all other purposes in the application process administered by CalRecycle, and such authority shall be valid from the date of adoption of this Resolution up to and including June 30, 2028;
2. Receive a grant for FY 2022/23 in the amount of \$402,000, or the actual amount awarded, from the Recovery Illegal Disposal Site Abatement Grant Program offered by CalRecycle; and
3. With at least five affirmative votes, and upon grant award, authorize the Chief Financial Officer, or designee, to record an increase in revenue and appropriate expenditures in the amount of the grant award in the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund, Illegal Disposal Site Abatement Grant Program accounts.

## **BACKGROUND:**

On December 4, 2018 the City Council adopted Resolution 23392 which authorized applications to CalRecycle for the Illegal Disposal Site Abatement Program and for the City Manager, or

designee, to execute all necessary documents, including but not limited to applications, necessary to secure grant funds and to implement the approved grant project. The authority granted by Resolution 23392 is valid through June 30, 2023, necessitating adoption of an amended and restated resolution prior to future grant applications through this program.

The accumulation of household and commercial trash on public property has increased drastically over the past several years. The Solid Waste Division reports that over the past three years, the debris collected associated with illegal dumping increased from 2,962 tons in FY 2019/20 to 5,404 tons in FY 2021/22, an 82% increase. In addition to placing a strain on limited resources, trash accumulation impacts quality of life, public health and safety, and economic development across the City.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The Illegal Disposal Site Abatement Grant Program is administered by CalRecycle and the City is eligible for up to \$402,000 in the FY 2022/23 grant cycle. The goal of this grant is to clean up solid waste sites where cleanup is required to protect public health and safety and/or the environment from illegal dumping.

The grant application was due February 15, 2023, and funds are anticipated to be distributed by CalRecycle in April 2023.

The funds received will be used to target and develop programs to meet the goal of reducing illegal dumping. No match of City funds is required.

The proposed plan to mitigate trash dumping and accumulation focuses on four areas:

- Prevention/Enforcement;
- Public Education;
- Clean Up/Removal (Including the potential rental of necessary equipment); and
- Program Enhancement/Development.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

This item contributes to **Strategic Priority 4 – Environmental Stewardship**, and **Goal 4.4 – Implement measures and educate the community to responsibly manage goods, products, and services throughout their life cycle to achieve waste reduction outcomes.**

This project aligns with each of the five Cross-Cutting Threads as follows:

1. **Community Trust** – By proactively addressing illegal dumping, which is an issue often reported by residents, the City will help to build community trust.
2. **Equity** – The Riverside Public Works-Solid Waste Division will provide the community with education and outreach to achieve waste reduction outcomes.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – Through the use of grant funds the Solid Waste Division

will be able to expand its capabilities to reduce waste while serving as a steward of local funds.

**4. Innovation** –The City hosts four community cleanups throughout the City each year in addition to the quarterly Household Waste Hazard (HHW) in an effort to reduce illegal disposal.

**1. Sustainability & Resiliency** – The execution of this grant will help to protect the environment and our community.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The total estimated fiscal impact of this action is \$402,000, or the actual award amount. If successful, an increase in revenue and appropriation of expenditures in the amount of the grant award will be recorded in the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund, Fiscal Year 2022/23 Cal Recycle Illegal Disposal Site Abatement Grant for revenue account number 9347900-334100 and expenditure account number 9347900-440210. There is no matching requirement for the award.

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#### **Attachments:**

1. Resolution No: 23392 (valid up to June 30, 2023)
2. Amended and Restated Resolution (valid up to June 30, 2028)