



*City of Arts & Innovation*

# City Council Memorandum

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL** **DATE: JANUARY 25, 2022**  
**FROM: OFFICE OF THE MAYOR & PUBLIC WORKS** **WARDS: ALL WARDS**  
**SUBJECT: CLEAN CALIFORNIA LOCAL GRANT APPLICATION**

## **ISSUE:**

Authorization to submit an application to the Clean California Local Grant Program administered by the California Department of Transportation (CalTrans).

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the City Council:

1. Authorize the Office of the Mayor to submit a Clean California Local Grant Program application to the California Department of Transportation in the amount not to exceed \$5 million in partnership with the Salvation Army as a sub-applicant for the purposes of funding beautification projects to be fulfilled by the Salvation Army's First Impressions Program; and
2. Authorize the Public Works Department to submit a Clean California Local Grant Program application to the California Department of Transportation, as a sub-applicant, in partnership with the Riverside County Transportation Agency (RCTC) and the Riverside Transit Agency (RTA).

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Clean California Local Grant Program was launched by Governor Gavin Newsom in December 2021 as part of his California Comeback Plan. The intent of the local grant program was for state and local governments to use funds to clean up trash and debris statewide, beautify community gateways and public areas along highways, streets, and roads, and to provide good jobs to thousands of Californians. Through this \$296 million investment, Caltrans anticipates supporting more than 200 local projects to invigorate and brighten communities across the state. All projects must be completed, and all funds must be expended by June 30, 2024. Each grant award shall not exceed \$5 million dollars.

## **DISCUSSION:**

The Office of the Mayor is seeking approval to submit a local grant program application that does not exceed \$5 million dollars. As a part of the local grant program guidelines, there is a required local match which is defined as the minimum percentage of the project's funding the applicant commits to provide as a condition of accepting a program grant. The required local match will

range from 0% (i.e., no local match required) to 50%. The percentage is determined based on the “severity of disadvantage” (SOD) of the community surrounding the project or projects. The Office of the Mayor’s local grant program application will include project locations for which there may be a 50% local match requirement. However, the Salvation Army has agreed to cover the full amount of the determined local match. Therefore, the City will not be required to cover any local match associated with the grant. There will need to be an account created by the City so that funds may be received from Caltrans and make necessary payments to the sub-applicant and other vendors, if necessary.

The RCTC-led grant project proposes improvements along Commerce Street adjacent to the Downtown Metrolink station, along with improvements at the Hunter Business Park Station. The RTA is a grant subrecipient and will be using grant funds towards station enhancements. The City’s proposed role as a subrecipient is to install pedestrian and bicycling improvements leading to the Downtown Metrolink Station as envisioned in the 2018 Go Human transportation planning event “Illuminate Riverside.”

### **STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

Both applications contribute to **Strategic Priority 1 – Arts, Culture and Recreation**, which aims to provide diverse community experiences and personal enrichment opportunities for people of all ages.

The Mayor’s application supports **Goal 1.3**, to improve parks, recreational amenities, open space, and trail development, and fulfill critical lifecycle and facility maintenance needs.

The Mayor’s application aligns with each of the five Cross-Cutting Threads as follows:

1. **Community Trust** – Both applications serve the public interest, benefit the City’s diverse populations and result in a greater public good. The RCTC collaboration project is directly responsive to community feedback from the “Illuminate Riverside” event.
2. **Equity** – Both applications will consist of projects within communities determined as being in areas that are at a “severity of disadvantage” (SOD).
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – Both applications do not have a local match associated with them.
4. **Innovation** – Both applications involve collaborative partnerships.
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** – Both applications consist of local projects that invigorate their local communities with drought tolerant plants and promote a reduction in vehicle miles traveled by improving the walking environment

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact related to this report. The Salvation Army will be a subrecipient for the Office of the Mayor’s grant application and has confirmed that they will cover all required local match funds.

The Public Works Department would be a subrecipient for the RCTC grant application. RCTC has confirmed that the project is eligible for full funding through the program and the City would not be responsible for matching funds.

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