



APPLICATION FOR THE WATER RECYCLING FUNDING PROGRAM

Riverside Public Utilities

Board of Public Utilities
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BACKGROUND

1. On June 13 and July 19, 2022, the Board of Public Utilities and City Council, respectively, approved the capital expenditure for the preparation of the 2022 Non-Potable and Recycled Water Master Plan.
2. The Recycled Water Master Plan will evaluate the potential opportunities for expanding the use of recycled water resources and non-potable sources of water, to augment the City's water supply portfolio and support the environment.



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WATER RECYCLING FUNDING PROGRAM

1. Administered by the State Water Resources Control Board and assists public agencies with planning studies to determine the feasibility of using recycled water to offset the use of fresh or potable water from the state and/or local supplies
2. Generally, provides reimbursement for up to 50% of total eligible planning costs with a 50% cost-share requirement
 - a. Current maximum award limit is \$150,000
 - b. RPU requesting funding for half of its Recycled Water Master Plan at \$150,000



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STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT



Strategic Priority 4 – Environmental Stewardship

Goal 4.2 – Sustainably manage local water resources to maximize reliability and advance water reuse to ensure safe, reliable, and affordable water to our community.

Cross-Cutting Threads



Community Trust



Fiscal Responsibility

Sustainability &
Resiliency

Equity



Innovation



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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board of Public Utilities:

1. Recommend that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the California State Water Resources Control Board Water Recycling Funding Program in the estimated amount of \$150,000 for Riverside Public Utilities' Recycled Water Master Plan study; and
2. Recommend that the City Council authorize the City Manager, or designee, to accept the amount awarded and execute all grant documents, including making minor and non-substantive changes to documents associated with the grant; and
3. Recommend that the City Council authorize the Chief Financial Officer, or designee, to record an increase in revenues and appropriate expenditures in the estimated grant award amount of \$150,000 in account numbers to be established by the Finance Department.

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