



INTERFUND TRANSFER OF SUSTAINABILITY GRANTS

Riverside Public Utilities

City Council Meeting
November 7, 2023

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BACKGROUND

- December 16, 2014 – City Council approved acceptance of:
 - Cool California Challenge Competition grant funds in the amount of \$32,950
 - Green Business Program grant funds in the amount of \$30,000



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COOL CALIFORNIA CHALLENGE COMPETITION

- Competition between 10 California cities to motivate and reward residents for reducing their carbon footprints and helping to build a more vibrant community
- More than 1,150 Riverside residents earned the City over 3.2 million points, earning \$32,950 for the City to put toward sustainability projects
- The program required award of funding following a competitive process to a community group (Wood Streets Green Team) for development of a community garden, solar bench, tree planting, and a workshop



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DISCUSSION GREEN BUSINESS PROGRAM

- Program for the creation and setup of a Green Business Program in Riverside
- Riverside was one of three selected recipients
- Program provides technical advice to help businesses implement pollution prevention and conservation measures and institute policies to improve long-term environmental practices
- Funds were used for program dues, marketing materials, and plaques for certified businesses



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DISCUSSION

- Funds were appropriated into Electric Fund State Operating Grants accounts and administered by RPU Customer Engagement on behalf of the City's overall sustainability program
- Programs were paused for staff to focus on drought programming beginning in 2016 and then due to citywide hiring limitations from COVID-19 beginning in 2020



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DISCUSSION

- The approved FY 2022-24 Biennial Budget includes two new positions for the Office of Sustainability (OoS) of the City Manager's Office
- Remaining grant funds of \$24,676 (Cool California) and \$9,440 (Green Business) will be administered by OoS
- The change to OoS necessitates a transfer of the funds from the Electric Fund to the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund



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STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

Strategic Priority 5 - High Performing Government

Goal 5.4 – Achieve and maintain financial health by addressing gaps between revenues and expenditures and aligning resources with strategic priorities to yield the greatest impact.

Cross Cutting Threads



Community Trust



Fiscal Responsibility



Sustainability &
Resiliency



Equity



Innovation



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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council:

1. Authorize an interfund transfer from Electric Fund (510) State Operating Grants accounts for 2014 Cool California Challenge Competition Grant funds in the amount of \$24,676 to Grants and Restricted Programs Fund (215) revenue accounts and appropriate expenditures in the same amount; and
2. Authorize an interfund transfer from Electric Fund (510) State Operating Grants accounts for the California Green Business Program Grant funds in the amount of \$9,440 to Grants and Restricted Programs Fund (215) revenue accounts and appropriate expenditures in the same amount.



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