



City Council Memorandum

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: MAY 5, 2026

FROM: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: CLEAN CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY CLEANUP AND EMPLOYMENT PATHWAY (CCEP) GRANT FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CALTRANS) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$197,586 – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

ISSUE:

Authorize acceptance of award of Clean California Community Cleanup and Employment Pathway (CCEP) Grant from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the amount of \$197,586.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Authorize acceptance of the Clean California Community Cleanup and Employment Pathway (CCEP) Grant award from Caltrans in the amount of \$197,586;
2. With at least five affirmative votes, authorize the Chief Financial Officer, or designee, to record an increase in revenues in the amount of \$197,586, or the amount of the grant award, and appropriate expenditures in the same amount, in the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund, Clean CA CCEP Program revenue and expenditure accounts;
3. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to receive the grant funds, including the Restricted Grant Agreement (RGA), and to make minor and non- substantive changes as required by Caltrans; and
4. With at least five affirmative votes, authorize the Chief Financial Officer, or designee, to add 1.0 FTE Administrative Analyst and 1.0 FTE Maintenance Worker I grant-funded position for the duration of the grant period through November 1, 2027, or until grant funding is exhausted.

BACKGROUND:

The California Department of Transportation administers the Clean California Community Cleanup and Employment Pathway (CCEP) Program, which funds litter abatement, public space beautification, and workforce development on locally owned public rights-of-way. The program supports disadvantaged and underserved communities and emphasizes transitional employment

pathways for individuals facing barriers to employment, including justice-impacted residents, individuals experiencing homelessness, and at-risk youth.

The Clean CA Program requires funded jurisdictions to implement community cleanups, environmental education, and workforce training activities, and to report quarterly on progress and performance metrics including litter removal volumes, graffiti abatement, workforce hours, volunteer engagement, and other environmental outcomes.

The City of Riverside, Public Works Department, in partnership with Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful (KRCB), submitted a grant proposal on November 3, 2025, requesting support for citywide cleanup and workforce development activities. Caltrans issued notice of award notifications in February 2026, and the City of Riverside was allocated \$197,586.

DISCUSSION:

Funding from the CCEP grant will support a citywide initiative focused on cleanup, beautification, and workforce development. The grant will fund the hiring of up to two staff members to join the City’s illegal dumping abatement team, increasing capacity to respond to the more than 6,500 annual service requests reported across Riverside. These positions will provide hands-on experience, involve participation in community cleanup events, and help build skills that support pathways to long-term municipal employment. The project prioritizes neighborhoods identified through CalEnviroScreen 4.0 as facing disproportionate environmental challenges, with efforts aimed at improving public safety, reducing blight, and fostering community pride.

The funding will also cover essential cleanup supplies, litter-abatement equipment, safety gear, and expanded storage capacity for KRCB to support program growth. These purchases and operational enhancements align with eligible expenses outlined in the program guidelines, including tools, materials, workforce training, and outreach. Approval of this item will authorize the City to execute the Restricted Grant Agreement (RGA) with Caltrans and initiate reimbursable project expenditures.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact of this action is an increase in revenue and expenditure of \$197,586. Upon Council approval, an increase of 2.0FTE will be recorded in the Grants & Restricted Programs Fund, and increase in revenue and an appropriation of expenditures in the amount of the grant award will be recorded in the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund, Clean CA CCEP Program as indicated in Table 1 below. The City match is in-kind employee contribution to the grant work. The FTEs will continue until the end of the grant period ending November 1, 2027, or until grant funds are exhausted.

Table 1. Grant Appropriation

Fund	Program	Account	Amount
Grants & Restricted Programs	Clean CA CCEP Program	<i>Revenue</i>	
		9356400-334100	\$197,586
		<i>Expenditures</i>	
		9356400-421001	\$33,041
		9356400-41xxxx	\$164,545
Total			\$197,586

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Approved by: Kris Martinez, Assistant City Manager
Approved as to form: Rebecca McKee-Reimbold, Interim City Attorney

Attachments:

1. Restricted Grant Agreement
2. CCEP Guidelines
3. Grant Proposal