



COUNCIL REPORT

DATE: October 24, 2023
CATEGORY: Consent
DEPT.: Public Works
TITLE: **Resolution for CalRecycle Grant Program Applications**

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mountain View Authorizing Submittal of Applications for All CalRecycle Grants for Which the City is Eligible, to be read in title only, further reading waived (Attachment 1 to the Council report).

BACKGROUND

The California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) administers grant programs and awards millions in funding annually to help jurisdictions bolster their waste reduction and recycling programs and reduce the amount of waste sent to the landfill. Recently, CalRecycle awarded the City \$21,174 in grant funds to support beverage container recycling and \$117,739 toward Senate Bill (SB) 1383 mandatory composting measures to reduce organic waste (food scraps, yard waste) disposal and associated greenhouse gas emissions.

In 2016, CalRecycle added a requirement for jurisdictions to submit a Payment Program Resolution with their application to the Beverage Container Recycling Payment Program (Program). The City Council adopted this resolution on May 3, 2016. Adopting this resolution provided the City access to program funding and other grants. Starting in 2023, CalRecycle will no longer accept Payment Program Resolutions as proof of City Council authorization to apply for CalRecycle grants and will only accept resolutions authorizing applying for grants (Grant Resolution). CalRecycle will accept Grant Resolutions that provide the authorization for up to five years.

ANALYSIS

To be eligible for grant funding, the City Council must adopt the Grant Resolution included with this report. The Resolution authorizes the City to submit applications to CalRecycle for all grants the City is eligible for and gives the Public Works Director, or designee, authorization to execute grant documents on the City's behalf. The Solid Waste Program Manager has applied for grant

program funding in prior years and would continue to do so at the direction of the Public Works Director. If approved, the resolution would be effective for five years from the adoption date.

CalRecycle recently opened the grant application period for the next SB 1383 funding cycle. A Grant Resolution is now needed since staff intends to submit an application to support multiple SB 1383 compliance initiatives, including organic waste product procurement and the Countywide business food recovery program. If approved, the City would receive a minimum of \$75,000 in grant funding.

FISCAL IMPACT

Adopting the resolution will allow the City to continue applying for and receiving CalRecycle grants to support the City's initiatives to divert waste sent to landfill. No appropriation is required to adopt the resolution.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Do not adopt the resolution and direct staff to request Council adoption of separate resolutions for each CalRecycle grant application.
2. Provide other direction.

PUBLIC NOTICING—Agenda posting.

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Attachment: 1. Resolution