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Agenda Report

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TO: City Council
FROM: Alex Khojikian, City Manager
PREPARED BY: Public Works Department
MEETING DATE: December 4, 2023
SUBJECT:
CalRecycle – Grant Applications

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution to approve the submission of grant applications to the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery; and authorize the City Manager, or Solid Waste Supervisor as designee, to execute all required documentation necessary for the grant application process.

BACKGROUND:

The California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) is a branch of the California Environmental Protection Agency that oversees the state's waste management, recycling, and waste reduction programs. City staff work closely with CalRecycle to meet its waste diversion goals for recycling and compost, construction and demolition recycling, mattress and tire collection, illegal dumping, and other state mandates.

When eligible, the City's Solid Waste program submits grant applications to receive grant money from CalRecycle for promotion of waste diversion and help defray the costs to implement the requirements of SB 1383. SB 1383 is California's Short Term Pollutants Reduction legislation, which seeks to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by reducing the amount of organics sent to landfill in the state. The City receives grants to promote recycling through the City/County Payment Program and uses this money for staff time and supplies to promote waste diversion at our special events, Music in the Park, B St. Nights, Beresford shredding/e-waste events, and the Bayfront Cleanup.

The City also receives money through the Cal Recycle Local Assistance Grant to defray some of the costs to implement SB 1383. These costs include recycled organics waste products procurement, education and outreach, and contamination analysis. In the next grant cycle, the City is on target to receive approximately \$188,000 to be spent for SB 1383 implementation over the next two years.

To process our applications and receive these funds, CalRecycle requires the City of San Mateo to adopt a resolution authorizing the submission of applications and, if awarded, the administration of the funds. The resolution would authorize the execution of grant agreements and related documentation and will meet the CalRecycle grant application requirements for a time period of five years from the date of the Resolution.

BUDGET IMPACT:

There is currently no budgetary impact associated with this action, however not approving the resolution for grants with CalRecycle will cause the City not to receive the anticipated \$188,000. If a Grant is awarded, a future request of Council will be appropriation of the grant funding to the Waste Disposal program in the Solid Waste Fund.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

This action by the City in passing a resolution allowing receipt of State money and submission of grant applications is not a project subject to CEQA, because it is a government fiscal activity which does not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment. (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4).)

NOTICE PROVIDED

All meeting noticing requirements were met.

ATTACHMENTS

Att 1 - Proposed Resolution

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