



CITY OF CORONADO

CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

November 7, 2023

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ADOPTION OF “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORONADO AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR ALL CALRECYCLE GRANTS FOR WHICH THE CITY OF CORONADO IS ELIGIBLE”

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Coronado Authorizing Submittal of an Application for all CalRecycle Grants for which the City of Coronado is Eligible”.

BACKGROUND:

In September of 2016, then-Governor Edmund Brown Jr. signed Senate Bill (SB) 1383 to establish methane emissions reduction targets (Chapter 395, Statutes of 2016) in a statewide effort to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants. The targets must reduce organic waste disposal 50 percent by 2020 and 75 percent by 2025 and rescue at least 20 percent of currently disposed surplus food by 2025. The regulations for SB 1383 require jurisdictions to implement a variety of organic waste recovery programs including curbside collection, education and outreach, contamination monitoring, edible food recovery, and inspection and enforcement.

CalRecycle, the California Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery, is administering the SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program to provide aid in the implementation of these programs. This non-competitive grant will provide funding to local jurisdictions (with no “matching funds” requirements for the City) to assist with the implementation of regulation requirements, including but not limited to:

- Collection
- Edible Food Recovery
- Education and Outreach (for organic waste & edible food recovery)
- Inspection and Enforcement
- Program Evaluation/Gap Analysis
- Procurement Requirements (using recycled organic products including compost, mulch, electricity, renewable gas, and recycled content paper products)
- Record Keeping

CalRecycle requires that all applications include a resolution, due to CalRecycle no later than November 15, 2023. CalRecycle anticipates awarding funding in March 2024 and the grant term will end April 1, 2026.

ANALYSIS:

The Public Services and Engineering Department has been working to establish and implement many of the required SB 1383 programs. On November 16, 2021, City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2021-05 to comply with SB 1383 requirements. Throughout 2022, organic waste collection services and an edible food recovery program were implemented. Additional enforcement requirements for both programs become effective January 1, 2024.

Staff recommends using CalRecycle grant funds to promote, educate, and provide resources to residents and businesses to aid them in complying with this new law; to procure professional services to assist the City with inspection and enforcement; and to procure recovered organic waste products. By doing so, these funds would offset general fund resources that would otherwise be utilized to meet SB1383 requirements.

FISCAL IMPACT:

CalRecycle has estimated that, based on our population based pro rata share of available grant funds, Coronado will receive approximately \$75,000 of funding in Fiscal Year 2023-24. Accepting the grant funds will not result in any negative fiscal impacts. Conservatively, the City spends at least \$137,000 per year in staff time, consulting fees and contract services related to implementation of the legislation. The grant funds will reduce the amount of City contribution needed to ensure compliance.

ALTERNATIVE:

The Council may elect not to apply for these CalRecycle grant funds or may apply them to another eligible activity.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT:

Not Applicable.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

No notice required.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution No. 2023-43

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