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Attention: Maria Espinoza

**REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING OFFERED BY THE CARL MOYER PROGRAM, THE MOBILE SOURCE AIR POLLUTION REDUCTION REVIEW COMMITTEE, THE AIR QUALITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM, ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATIONS, AND OTHER MOBILE SOURCE AIR POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANT PROGRAMS**

**Note:** This report has been simultaneously transmitted to the Mayor's Office per Ordinance No. 169108 relative to grants-related communications.

The Department of General Services (GSD) requests authority to prepare and submit Applications for various grant funding opportunities related to air quality improvement projects and purchases.

## **BACKGROUND**

In previous years, the Environmental Affairs Department (EAD) coordinated grant activities related to mobile source air pollution reduction. In this role, EAD assisted in identifying possible grant opportunities, provided notifications to City departments, assisted in the preparation and submittal of grant applications, tracked the grant approval process and brought forward grant awards to the departments and City Council for final approval. With the dissolution of EAD, the responsibility for coordinating these grant activities has fallen back to the departments.

Approval of this request will allow GSD to pursue grant funding opportunities and will facilitate timely submittal of applications and receipt of funds. GSD has established good working relationships with various granting sources and agencies and has been involved in all stages of the grant application process, including application, acceptance, reporting, and tracking.

Various agencies release mobile source grant solicitations on a regular or semi-regular basis. GSD has notably participated in MSRC and Carl Moyer grant funding projects for many years, receiving millions of dollars in funding for emission reduction projects including alternative fuel



vehicles and alternative fuel infrastructure, as well as the Advanced Technology Demonstration ("Showcase") Project. The latter project demonstrated diesel emission control devices for existing off-road diesel equipment. These grant programs offer millions of dollars region-wide to offset a portion of cost of the following: purchasing alternative fuel on-road and off-road heavy-duty vehicles, building natural gas fueling and maintenance infrastructure, purchasing add-on emission control equipment for in-use diesel vehicles and/or offroad equipment, and other mobile source emission reduction projects.

In addition, other public agencies, such as the U.S. Department of Energy, California Air Resources Board and California Energy Commission, may also release grant solicitations for mobile source emission reduction projects. Topics may include advanced vehicle and fueling technologies, programs to reduce employee work trips and measures to improve fleet efficiency.

In May 2000, the City Council adopted a Clean Fuel Policy that encourages the use of alternative fuel vehicles in the City. In addition, the City is required by the SCAQMD Fleet Rules to acquire alternative fuel vehicles in certain City operations when adding or replacing vehicles in the fleet. City fleets are subject to statewide regulations on heavy duty on-road equipment and vehicles. In 2007, the state also adopted regulations to reduce emissions from heavy-duty off-road vehicles that became effective in January 2008. As of the end of 2011, GSD maintains a growing fleet of over 2,025 alternative fuel vehicles that operate on compressed natural gas (CNG), liquefied natural gas (LNG), electricity, and propane fuels. This number includes dual fuel (LNG/Diesel) and hybrid (gasoline/electric) models. The use of alternative fuel vehicles, infrastructure, and diesel emission control systems reduce harmful air pollution and continue to be vital components of the City's clean air efforts.

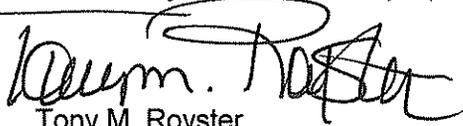
#### FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Applying for these grants is not anticipated to have a fiscal impact on the General Fund. In the event grant funds are awarded, GSD will return to City Council to request authority to accept any awarded funds. Fiscal impacts associated with acceptance of the award will be identified at that time.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

The Department of General Services requests that the City Council adopt the following recommendations to apply for grant funding for City air quality improvement projects:

1. AUTHORIZE the General Manager of the Department of General Services Department (GSD) or designee to prepare and submit applications for various grant funding opportunities related to air quality improvement projects and purchases. This includes grant funding applications for mobile source emission reduction projects from the United States Department of Energy (USDOE) and its contractors, United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), California Air Resources Board (ARB), California Energy Commission (CEC), Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC), and South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) including Carl Moyer Program, Air Quality Investment Program (AQIP), Advanced Technology Demonstration Programs, and similar local, state or federal grant funding programs that may be offered to reduce emissions and improve air quality.
2. INSTRUCT the General Manager of the GSD or designee to report back to the Mayor and City Council for the purpose of accepting any funds awarded.

  
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