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April 8, 2021

Honorable Eric Garcetti
Mayor, City of Los Angeles
Room 303, City Hall
Los Angeles, CA 90012

The Honorable City Council
c/o The City Clerk
Room 395, City Hall

C.F. 12-0744

Attention: Heleen Ramirez, Legislative Coordinator

AUTHORITY TO SUBMIT APPLICATION AND ACCEPT FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 CALRECYCLE EA-32 GRANT FUNDS FOR BUILDING AND SAFETY LOCAL ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

In accordance with the City Grant Ordinance¹, the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS), on behalf of its Local Enforcement Agency (LEA), respectfully requests authority to apply for and accept Fiscal Year 2021-22 32nd Cycle (EA-32) Local Enforcement Agency Grant Program funds from the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle).

Background

The LEA will apply for an annual state landfill entitlement grant in the approximate amount of \$59,145² from CalRecycle to support solid waste enforcement activities for FY 2021-22. The LADBS requests the Mayor and the City Council to authorize the LADBS General Manager (or designee) to execute all grant-related documents and amendments, accept the grant, and receive/expend EA-32 grant funds. There is no General Fund, matching funds, or other commitment of City resources required for receipt of the EA-32 grant funds. The LADBS will front fund ten percent (10%) of the grant award from the Building and Safety Building Permit Trust Fund (Fund 48R) by creating a grant receivable account. The grant receivable account will be reimbursed upon receipt of the EA-32 grant funds. The acceptance of the EA-32 grant funds will not have a fiscal impact on the General Fund.

The EA-32 grant funds will be used to offset costs associated with inspection and enforcement operations of the LEA Program such as worker health and safety equipment (e.g., instruments, equipment, and supplies), staff training, and technical assistance for maintaining program expertise. Additionally, a portion of the EA-32 funds will be used for a consultant contract, C-131876 with E. Tseng and Associates, Incorporated (or subsequent contract replacing C-131876 which expires on 9/7/2021), which is primarily utilized for engineering review of Reports of Facility Information, closure plans, and other technical documents.

¹ Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 14.6(a), Adopted 1-18-2002.


² The awarded grant amount is dependent on the number of applicants. If all eligible applicants do not apply, LADBS may be awarded additional funds.

Recommendations:

1. Authorize the submittal of grant applications to CalRecycle for the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Local Enforcement Agency Grant Program;
2. Authorize the LADBS General Manager, or designee, to accept the Local Enforcement Agency Grant in the approximate amount of \$59,145 (EA-32) from CalRecycle for the Grant Performance Period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022;
3. Authorize the LADBS General Manager, or designee, to execute, on behalf of the City of Los Angeles, all EA-32 grant documents, including but not limited to, the grant application, grant award agreement with CalRecycle, request for payment, and to execute any other necessary documents relative to the grant award;
4. Request the Controller to accept and deposit EA-32 grant funds in the LEA Landfill Fund No. 527, Department 08;
5. Request the Controller to establish an appropriation account entitled, "Enforcement Assistance Grants", account number to be determined, within Fund 527, Department 08, for the receipt and disbursement of grant funds;
6. Request the Controller to set up an account entitled "Grant Receivables – State" within Fund 48R for the 10% front funding, to be repaid when grant funds are made available;
7. Authorize the LADBS General Manager, or designee, to expend said funds from the accounts listed above for the purposes set forth in this report and consistent with the grant requirements;
8. Authorize LADBS to prepare Controller instructions and/or make any technical adjustments that may be required, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and request the Controller to implement these instructions; and
9. Authorize the LADBS General Manager, or designee, to negotiate, enter into, execute, administer, expend funds, and otherwise manage Contract C-131876 with E. Tseng and Associates, Incorporated, consistent with the terms of the CalRecycle EA-32 LEA grant, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, I can be reached (213) 482-6800. For specific questions regarding the CalRecycle LEA Grant EA-32, you may contact David Thompson, Local Enforcement Agency Program Manager, at (213) 252-3932.

Sincerely,

 for
Osama Younan
LADBS General Manager

c: William Chun, Deputy Mayor, Mayor's Office of Economic Development
Richard Llewellyn, City Administrative Officer
Sharon Lee, Office of the City Administrative Officer