


DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

BUREAU OF SANITATION
BOARD REPORT NO. 2
AUGUST 28, 2017

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD
PUBLIC WORKS OF THE CITY
of Los Angeles California
AND REFERRED TO THE MAYOR
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CD: All


Executive Officer
Board of Public Works

AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT, NEGOTIATE, AND EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY AGREEMENTS WITH UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (USEPA) FOR COMMUNITY AREA-WIDE ASSESSMENT IN LOS ANGELES

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve and forward this report with its transmittal, to the Mayor and the City Council, with the recommendations that the City Council, subject to concurrence of the Mayor, authorize the Director of LA Sanitation (LASAN) or designee, to accept grant funds from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Brownfields Community Area-Wide Assessment Grant.
2. Request the City Council to adopt the Resolution (Transmittal No. 1) authorizing the acceptance of the USEPA Brownfields Community Area-Wide Assessment Grant.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

There is no fiscal impact to the City's General Fund, as a result of this action. Grant award has been approved by the USEPA, and the funds will be available this year on reimbursement basis. There are no match requirements for this type of grant.

TRANSMITTAL

1. Copy of proposed Resolution.

DISCUSSION

The purpose of this USEPA grant program is to assist in sustaining and restoring communities (and the ecological systems that support them) by providing financial assistance to assess contaminated property. Funding provided through this grant program is aimed at encouraging local solutions to endemic Brownfield problems, creating new jobs, economic investment, and green space acreage. Brownfields community area-wide assessment funds will be used for conducting brownfield sites inventory, assessment, and cleanup planning. These funds will also focus on conducting area-wide planning activities within a specific brownfields-impacted area or developing strategies for facilitating the reuse of existing infrastructure, and determining next steps and identifying resources needed to implement the area-wide plan.

Brownfields are properties whose redevelopment or reuse is complicated by the presence or the potential presence of hazardous substances or other contaminants. The City of Los Angeles Brownfields Program (Program) provides financial and technical assistance for the investigation, remediation, and redevelopment of brownfield sites. Over the past 15 years, the Program has obtained over \$60 million in brownfield funding and leveraged over \$500 million in public and

private development funds. Brownfield grants are available for all real property, regardless of land use designation, that has been contaminated by hazardous waste, controlled substances, petroleum or petroleum products.

LASAN's Brownfields Program received approval for a \$300,000 USEPA Brownfields Grant to focus on the development of low-income blighted target areas by conducting Phase I and Phase II site assessments. The ultimate goal is to leverage grant funds to implement brownfields redevelopment consistent with Regional Priorities. The Brownfields Program will work with developers, partners identified under the Community Engagement and Partnerships, along with others and City agencies that are redeveloping properties to identify sites that would benefit from these assessments.

Three target areas have been identified for this community-wide assessment program: the LARiverWorks ARBOR Reach; the LA Promise Zone (PZ); and the South Los Angeles Transit Empowerment Zone (SLATE-Z). These three areas are not only disproportionately affected by over 320 brownfields but also are the focus of urban revitalization efforts rooted in livability principals and sustainable development. This grant will be used to prioritize and identify sites with the highest potential for mitigating imminent threats to human health and public safety, as well as the potential for redevelopment and that redevelopment's catalytic potential on other community development initiatives.

LASAN's Brownfields Program will implement the USEPA area-wide assessment grant funding to perform site assessments, community outreach and site remediation planning and will assist the City by attracting developer investment in these at-need communities.

The Brownfields Program currently has an USEPA Assessment Grant to conduct assessments in the neighborhoods of LA Promise Zone and LARiverWorks ARBOR Reach. Site assessments are available for qualifying sites at this time and referrals of sites are encouraged. Since 1997, the City's Brownfields Program has applied for and received 20 federal and state brownfields program grants for a total of \$7 million.

PROJECT REVIEW BY DIRECTOR (PRD) APPROVAL

This project received PRD Approval on July 31, 2017.

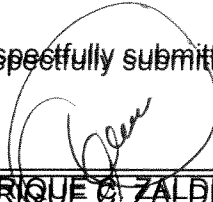
STATEMENT AS TO FUNDING

Grant funds received from USEPA will be deposited into the Household Hazardous Waste Trust Fund No. 526.

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Respectfully submitted,



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