

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: June 19, 2014

TO: Honorable Felipe Fuentes, Chair
Honorable Bob Blumenfield, Vice Chair
Honorable Tom LaBonge, Member
Honorable José Huizar, Member
Honorable Paul Koretz, Member
Energy & Environment Committee

FROM: Enrique C. Zaldivar, Director
Bureau of Sanitation



SUBJECT: AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (USEPA) BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT GRANT FY14 (COUNCIL FILE NO. 13-1468)

Please find transmitted herewith the Council Resolution authorizing the Bureau of Sanitation to accept USEPA Grant Funds to support Los Angeles City Brownfields Program. Sanitation recommends the City Council adopt the attached resolution authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Sanitation, or designee, to accept, negotiate and execute all necessary agreements with the USEPA to implement and carry out the purposes specified in the application.

The Department of Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation, Solid Resources Citywide Recycling Division maintains the Los Angeles City Brownfields Program. Brownfields are properties whose redevelopment or reuse is complicated by the presence or the potential presence of hazardous substances or other contaminants. The Los Angeles City Brownfields Program provides financial and technical assistance for the investigation, remediation and redevelopment of Brownfield sites. Funding for this program is provided by grants issued by the USEPA.

On December 17, 2013, the City Council authorized Sanitation to submit a Brownfield Grant Application FY14 to the USEPA for community area-wide assessment and cleanup funds (for up to \$600,000) in Los Angeles to fund Brownfield environmental services.

On January 16, 2014, Sanitation submitted the Brownfield Grant Application FY14 to the USEPA. On May 28, 2014, Sanitation received notice that it had been awarded \$400,000. Funding will provide for Phase I and Phase II Environmental Assessments at qualifying brownfields properties. The Project will identify privately owned or City-owned properties where development is being hindered by lack of information on the environmental status of the property; there is a need for Phase I and/or Phase II Environmental Site Assessments. Properties must meet the criteria imposed by the USEPA.

Sanitation recommends the City Council authorize the Director of the Bureau of Sanitation to accept the USEPA Brownfield Grant Funds FY14 in the amount of \$400,000.

(Attachment)

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies to or pending before a local, state or federal government body or agency must have been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) provides Grants for investigation and cleanup of contaminated properties to assist in sustaining and restoring communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has long recognized that it is in the public interest to establish, implement and maintain USEPA funds to promote the cleanup and revitalization of contaminated properties; and

WHEREAS, On December 17, 2013, the City Council authorized the Bureau of Sanitation (Sanitation) to submit a Brownfield Grant Application FY14 to the USEPA for community area-wide assessment and cleanup funds (for up to \$600,000) in Los Angeles to fund Brownfield environmental services (Council File No. 13-1468); and

WHEREAS, On January 16, 2014, Sanitation submitted the Brownfield Grant Application FY14 to the USEPA; and

WHEREAS, On May 28, 2014, Sanitation received notice of award of the USEPA Brownfield Assessment Grant FY14 for \$400,000.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Los Angeles does hereby authorize the Director of the Bureau of Sanitation, or designee, to accept, negotiate and execute all necessary agreements with the USEPA to implement and carry out the purposes specified in the application.

PRESENTED BY _____

SECONDED BY _____