

REPORT FROM

OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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Council District: ALL

To: The Honorable Members of the City Council

From: Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer 

Subject: **REVISED - FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT APPLICATIONS: BUREAU OF SANITATION APPROVAL REQUESTS AND STATUS REPORT**

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor:

1. Authorize the Board of Public Works (Board), General Manager for the Bureau of Sanitation (Bureau), and/or their designees, to prepare the grant applications for the proposals as outlined in Attachments 1 and 2; and,
2. Instruct the Board, Bureau, or designees, if awarded a grant, to report back to request authority to accept the grant award(s) and confirm that there is no additional General Fund fiscal impact

SUMMARY

This report fully updates and replaces the prior February 13, 2023 report on the same subject.

On October 12, 2021, Council adopted a Motion (Krekorian – Blumenfield - O'Farrell – Martinez - Harris-Dawson – Price – Cedillo) instructing the Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to establish a process to review and prioritize applications for federal and state grant infrastructure funding opportunities. On March 9, 2022, the Council approved the CAO and Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) proposed internal review process. The process integrates the City's current grant application process for projects in response to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (federal) and California Comeback Plan (state) related grant opportunities with the Capital and Technology Improvement Policy prioritization guidelines (C.F. 21-1015).

This CAO report provides a summary of four federal and state grant opportunities for which the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation (Bureau) has reported an interest in applying (Attachments 1 and 2). Our Office has reviewed the request based on the approved review process and guidelines **and** recommends approval of the applications. Each grant opportunity in the attachments lists recommended project(s) that meet the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)

requirements. Where necessary, the need and availability of matching funds are indicated. The federal and state opportunities detailed in the attachments are related to the following federal and state programs:

1. Bureau of Reclamation: WaterSMART: Water Recycling and Desalination Planning
2. Cal Recycle: Illegal Disposal Site Abatement Grant Program FY 2022-23
3. Environmental Protection Agency: Consumer Recycling Education and Outreach (REO) Grant Program
4. Environmental Protection Agency: Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grant Program

Matching Fund Requirements - In accordance with Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) Section 14.6, departments may submit applications without Mayor and Council approval if no City General Funds, matching funds, or other commitments of City resources are required. It is anticipated that of the four grants, two require matching funds. There are sufficient Sewer Construction and Maintenance funds available to meet the City match.

Expedited Review - Prior Mayor and Council approval may be waived when the NOFA is published less than 61 days in advance of the date of application. While the Bureau is not technically required to provide this notice as the NOFA was provided with less than 61 days notice, the Bureau has requested CAO review and the Council's approval of its intent to apply. The due dates of the NOFAs are February 15, 2023 and February 28, 2023, so an expedited review and approval are necessary to ensure the Bureau is able to meet the deadlines.

Required Approval to Accept Award - In accordance with the above administrative code section, and prior to award, all departments are required to seek Mayor and Council approval before accepting and receiving such grant award. It is further recommended that the Bureau report to the Mayor and Council upon award notification on, what if any, impact there is to the General Fund.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Approval of the recommendations in this report will not result in a General Fund impact. However, upon notification of grant award, if the City is awarded, a reassessment on the General Fund impact should be completed as it relates to lower than requested grant award amounts, verification of local match requirements, and front-funding needs for grants funded on a reimbursement basis.

FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT

The recommendations in this report comply with the City's Financial Policies.

Attachment 1 - Grant Programs With Match Requirements
Attachment 2 - Grant Programs without Match Requirements

cc: CAO Grant Coordinator

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ATTACHMENT 1 – GRANT PROGRAMS WITH MATCH REQUIREMENT

WaterSMART: Water Recycling and Desalination Planning

Bureau of Reclamation

NOFA Release Date: December 23, 2022

Due: February 28, 2023

Performance Period: Up to 24 months; completed by October 31, 2025

Local Match Requirement: 75 percent

Lead Department	(CD) Project Name	Project Description	Total Project Budget (in millions)	Total Grant Request (in millions)	Local Match (in millions)	Planned Completion Date
BOS	(11) Hyperion 2035: Phase 1: 50 MGD of Indirect Potable Reuse Water	Develop a Feasibility Study and Preliminary Design Report for Phase 1 of the Hyperion 2035 Program to convert the City of Los Angeles Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant to a 100% water recycling facility.	\$15.0	\$5.0	\$11.25	2 years (09/2025)
BOS	(6) Los Angeles Groundwater Replenishment Project	For the planning, environmental compliance, and design activities to support the Los Angeles Groundwater Replenishment Project. The Project is to produce 17,000 acre-ft of purified recycled water from the Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant.	\$530.0	\$5.0	\$22.5	4 years (08/2027)

ATTACHMENT 2 – GRANT PROGRAMS WITHOUT MATCH REQUIREMENT

Illegal Disposal Site Abatement Grant Program FY 2022-23

Cal Recycle

NOFA Release Date: Unknown

Due: February 15, 2023

Performance Period: From date of notice of proceed to June 30, 2025

No Match Requirement

Lead Department	(CD) Project Name	Project Description	Total Project Budget	Total Grant Request	Planned Completion Date
BOS	LASAN Illegal Disposal Site Abatement Project	To support the removal and disposal of illegally dumped waste in the South Los Angeles (SLA) and North Central (NC) wastesheds of the City of Los Angeles, and conduct public outreach education. Scope includes routine sweeps through the neighborhoods of SLA and NC to remove illegally disposed waste.	\$500,000	\$500,000	2 years (06/2025)

Consumer Recycling Education and Outreach (REO) Grant Program

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

NOFA Release Date: November 14, 2022

Due: February 15, 2023

Performance Period: 3 years, estimated start date of October 2023

No Match Requirement

Lead Department	(CD) Project Name	Project Description	Total Project Budget	Total Grant Request	Planned Completion Date
BOS	Residential Curbside Recycling Improvement Through Outreach & Education Project	An educational effort to reduce contamination of green and blue-bin recycling programs in citywide residential curbside programs by providing residents with a waste-sorting digital application.	\$845,000	\$845,000	3 years (09/2026)

ATTACHMENT 2 – GRANT PROGRAMS WITHOUT MATCH REQUIREMENTS (con)

Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grant Program

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

NOFA Release Date: November 14, 2022

Due: February 15, 2023

Performance Period: Start date is October 2023

No Match Requirement

Lead Department	(CD) Project Name	Project Description	Total Project Budget (in millions)	Total Grant Request (in millions)	Planned Completion Date
BOS	(14) Central Los Angeles Recycling and Transfer Station Organic Processing Facility	To build a new Organics Processing Facility at CLARTS for the processing of up to 300 tons per day of organic waste to comply with the California Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383) to reduce organics disposal at a landfill. Design of the facility construction of a new 30,000 sq. ft. building, purchase and installation of machinery for the removal of trash in the food waste, electrical control units, and to produce energy via anaerobic digesters	\$48.36	\$4.0	3 years (08/2026)