

Request for Approval

To: Zoe Heller
Deputy Director, Materials Management and Local Assistance Division

From: Michelle Martin
Branch Chief, Financial Resources Management Branch

Request Date: April 13, 2023

Decision Subject: Awards for the SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program, Third Round Funding (Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, Fiscal Year 2021–22)

Action By: April 20, 2023

Summary of Request

Staff requests approval of grant awards for the SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program (Program) for fiscal year (FY) 2021–22. Staff reviewed 20 eligible applications totaling \$6,262,275 for third round funding.

Funding

The FY 2021–22 Budget Act allocated \$60,000,000 to be used to provide grants to local jurisdictions to assist in the implementation of regulations adopted by the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery pursuant to Chapter 395 of the Statutes of 2016; \$3,000,000 (5 percent) has been allocated for administrative costs. Funds totaling \$50,618,358 were awarded in previous cycles.

Table 1. Funding

| Fund Source | Amount Available | Amount to Fund Item | Amount Remaining | Line Item |
|--|------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (FY 2021–22) | \$6,381,642 | \$6,033,858 | \$347,784 | Local Assistance/Grants |

Background and Findings

Statutory Authority

Senate Bill (SB) 1383 Lara, Chapter 395, Statutes of 2016, set methane emissions reduction targets for California in a statewide effort to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants. SB 170 Budget Act of 2021 authorizes CalRecycle to award grants to local jurisdictions to assist in the implementation of programs to meet these statutory requirements.

Program Background

The SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program provides funding to assist local jurisdictions with meeting the requirements below:

- Provide organics collection services to all residents and businesses
- Conduct education and outreach to the community

- Secure access to recycling and edible food recovery capacity
- Establish edible food recovery program
- Procure recyclable and recovered organic products
- Monitor compliance and conduct enforcement

Criteria and Process

The Eligibility Criteria and Evaluation Process was approved by the Deputy Director on December 28, 2021, and presented at the January 2022 CalRecycle Monthly Public Meeting. The Notice of Funds Available were placed on the CalRecycle website on January 4, 2022, with an appropriate notice sent to stakeholders. Applications were due February 1, 2022.

CalRecycle received 476 applications requesting \$54,947,783. Staff reviewed the applications in accordance with the approved evaluation criteria; 393 applications met the application requirements and adopted their enforceable ordinance, or similarly enforceable mechanism, by April 1, 2022, and were therefore eligible for first round funding. One application was deemed ineligible and therefore disqualified. First round funding grants were awarded in April 2022.

The remaining 82 applications were moved to second round funding and were given a secondary due date of June 14th, 2022. Staff reviewed the applications in accordance with the approved evaluation criteria; 62 applications met the application requirements and adopted their enforceable ordinance, or similarly enforceable mechanism, and were eligible for second round funding. Second round funding grants were awarded in September 2022.

Staff reviewed the remaining 20 applications in accordance with the approved evaluation criteria and identified 14 applicants who are eligible for third round funding. These 14 applicants adopted an enforceable ordinance, or similarly enforceable mechanism, that met CalRecycle’s criteria.

The types of projects recommended for funding include: bins, education and outreach materials, recordkeeping subscriptions, compost procurement, and personnel and administrative costs.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of 14 grant awards as listed below for \$6,033,858.

Table 2. Recommended Awards

| Applicant | Award Amount |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Alpine County | \$20,000 |
| City of Compton | \$129,212 |
| City of Los Angeles | \$5,144,473 |
| City of Nevada City | \$20,000 |
| City of Redlands | \$94,312 |
| City of Rio Dell | \$20,000 |
| City of Shasta Lake | \$20,000 |
| City of Visalia | \$183,590 |
| El Dorado County | \$212,198 |

| Applicant | Award Amount |
|--|--------------------|
| Kings County | \$44,192 |
| Rancho Murieta Community Services District | \$20,000 |
| Shasta County | \$85,881 |
| Sunset Beach Sanitary District | \$20,000 |
| Town of Paradise | \$20,000 |
| Total Award | \$6,033,858 |

Deputy Director Actions

On the basis of the information and analysis in this Request for Approval and the findings set out herein, I hereby conditionally approve the grant awards for the SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program as listed in Table 2. Each proposed grantee’s award is subject to the following condition:

- The recommended grantee must pay all outstanding debts due to CalRecycle or bring current any outstanding payments owed to CalRecycle, within 60 days of the date of the award email.
- The recommended grantee must have a valid Resolution in place within 60 days of the date of the award email.
- The recommended grantee is responsible for submitting all outstanding documents required by CalRecycle during the application process, as well as those identified in the Application Guidelines and Instructions, prior to the release of funding.

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Zoe Heller
Deputy Director

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