



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

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SUBJECT: GRANTS PROGRAM UPDATE

ATTACHMENT: 1. Public Works Department Grant Opportunities

This item was initially agendaized for the August 11, 2016 Public Works Commission meeting and re-agendaized for the September 11, 2016 meeting.

During the last several months, staff has been working to identify various funding opportunities relevant to the Public Works Department, such as the capital projects as outlined in the Water Enterprise Plan and stormwater projects.

At this time, staff has focused on Proposition 1 funding, the water bond approved by voters in November 2014, because it is the largest single source of State funding for water projects at this time. Proposition 1 provides \$7.5 billion for water projects and programs, allocating funding to projects and programs in sixteen different funding categories, with funding provided as either grants or loans. These categories include watershed and urban creek restoration, water use efficiency, integrated regional water management, storm water management, water recycling and groundwater sustainability. Different State agencies have been tasked with developing the guidelines, criteria, award and administration for these different competitive funding programs. In addition to Proposition 1, staff also reviewed potential funding opportunities from cap-and-trade and other local agencies, including the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) and the Water Replenishment District (WRD).

Attachment 1 provides an overview of the relevant grant programs that staff has been tracking. Most notably, in July 2016, staff submitted an application for the Proposition 1 Stormwater Grant Program for both the La Cienega Park and Frank Fenton stormwater capture project. The City requested \$3 million and \$1.5 million respectively for these projects. Staff anticipates the State will notify the City by October 2016, regarding the status of its application.

In addition, staff released a Request for Proposal ("RFP") in late April 2016 for an initial department-wide needs assessment to develop a grant funding strategy for the department, along with grant writing services. The RFP yielded a very low response; staff has contacted additional firms seeking interest and securing proposals for grant writing work. It is anticipated that consultant(s) will be brought on-board to assist the City with grant writing efforts by Fall 2016.

Staff will be available at the September 8, 2016 Public Works Commission Meeting to answer any questions.

Attachment 1

Public Works Department Grant Opportunities

Grant Program	Funding Source	Funding Available	Project Focus	Status
Groundwater Sustainability Program	Proposition 1 - State Water Resources Control Board	\$800 million	Projects that prevent or clean-up contamination of groundwater that serves or has served as a source of drinking water.	Solicitation & review in late summer/early fall 2016. Projects can be submitted using the State Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool (FAAST) at any time.
Storm Water Grant Program	Proposition 1 – State Water Resources Control Board	\$200 million	<i>Planning:</i> Development of Storm Water Resource Plans to meet the requirements of Water Code Section 10562. <i>Implementation:</i> Implementation of multi-benefit storm water management projects (i.e. green infrastructure, rainwater and storm water capture projects, storm water treatment facilities).	Staff submitted a Prop 1 grant application for both the La Cienega Park and Frank Fenton stormwater capture project, as well as the Green Streets and water efficient landscape on Burton Way median project. The requested funding amount was for \$3M and \$1.5M, respectively. Staff anticipates the State will notify the City by October 2016 regarding the status of its application.
Water Recycling Funding Program	Proposition 1 – State Water Resources Control Board	\$625 million	<i>Planning:</i> Assistance with completing planning studies for water recycling projects using treated municipal wastewater and/or treated groundwater from sources contaminated by human activities. <i>Construction:</i> Construction of water recycling facilities.	There are no planned City projects at this time that would be eligible for this funding.
Integrated Regional Watershed Management (IRWM) Grant Program	Proposition 1 – Department of Water Resources	\$98 million (for Los Angeles Funding Area)	Planning grants, implementation grants, and grants for disadvantaged communities for projects that improve regional water self-reliance and reduce reliance on the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Provides incentives for each watershed to collaborate in managing the region's water resources.	The City is eligible for IRWM implementation grants; the grant solicitation for this program has not been released. Staff will continue to track the guidelines. To be considered for IRWM funding, projects must be included in the Greater Los Angeles County (GLAC) IRWM Plan. The City's two stormwater projects – La Cienega Park and the Frank Fenton Stormwater Capture Project – have already been included in the GLAC IRWM Plan. Staff will consider whether additional projects should be incorporated as well.
Water-Energy Grant Program	Department of Water Resources	\$19 million	Projects that implement water efficiency programs or projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and reduce water and energy use. 2016 solicitation will focus on commercial water efficiency or institutional water efficiency programs; projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, reduce water, and reduce energy use; and projects with water conservation measures that also save energy	The Department of Water Resources just closed its public comment period on the draft guidelines on July 19, 2016. Staff will review the final guidelines when released in Fall 2016 to determine next steps.
Local Resource Program Funding	Metropolitan Water District of Southern California	n/a	Provides funding for the development of water recycling and groundwater recovery supplies that replace an existing demand or prevent a new demand on Metropolitan's imported water supplies, through direct replacement of potable water or increased regional groundwater production.	Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis. There are no planned City projects at this time that would be eligible for this funding.
WaterSMART Grants	U.S. Bureau of Reclamation	n/a	Provides cost-sharing grants in the following areas: Water and Energy Efficiency Grants; System Optimization Review Grants; Advanced Water Treatment and Pilot and Demonstration Grants.	City staff will review if there are existing projects that could be eligible for any of this funding.