



Office of the City Manager

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CONSENT CALENDAR

March 26, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager

Submitted by: Scott Ferris, Director, Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront

Subject: Grant Application: the Surrendered and Abandoned Vessel Exchange (SAVE) grant program of the California Division of Boating & Waterways

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee to, 1. Apply for and accept a grant in the amount of \$130,000 from the California Division of Boating & Waterways (“DBW”) Surrendered and Abandoned Vessel Exchange (SAVE) grant program for the removal and disposal of approximately 26 abandoned vessels located at the Berkeley Marina; 2. Execute any amendments; and 3. Authorize a local match contribution of \$13,000.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The cost to remove and dispose abandoned and derelict vessels at the Berkeley Marina is estimated at \$143,000. The Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront Department will request \$130,000 from DBW to remove derelict and abandoned vessels from the Berkeley Marina, and must provide a minimum 10% match, equivalent to \$13,000. These funds will be appropriated as part of the second amendment to the FY2019 annual appropriations ordinance in the Marina Fund, account code 608-52-544-592-0000-000-472-612990. If awarded, the grant will be deposited in the Marina Fund.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

There are approximately 26 vessels at the Berkeley Marina that were either abandoned by their owners, or liened and retitled to the City in accordance with California statutes for non-payment of dockage fees. These vessels occupy slips in the Berkeley Marina that could otherwise be used to generate dockage revenue for the City. The vessels have little or no intrinsic value due to age and neglect. The DBW is currently accepting applications for grants to remove and dispose of derelict and abandoned vessels through its Surrendered and Abandoned Vessel Exchange (“SAVE”) program.

BACKGROUND

Responsibility for derelict and abandoned vessels, unfortunately, often falls on public agencies. For the past 20 years, the Division of Boating and Waterways has provided grant funding assistance to public agencies to properly remove, store, and dispose of abandoned, wrecked, or dismantled vessels or any other partially submerged objects that pose a substantial hazard to navigation, from navigable waterways or adjacent public property, or private property with the landowner's consent. Over the past 20 years, the City of Berkeley has received several grants from DBW to successfully remove and dispose of derelict, abandoned, and sunken vessels from the Berkeley Marina.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Derelict, abandoned, and sunken vessels pose a navigational and environmental hazard to the waters of our City, and our state. Removal and proper disposal of these vessels contributes to the improvement of water quality of the waters of the Bay.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront Department has the primary responsibility for removing derelict and abandoned vessels from local waters. By applying for SAVE grants, the City is able to substantially leverage our funding for these projects, and safely remove potential environmental and navigational hazards from our waters.

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Attachments:

1. Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

GRANT APPLICATION: SURRENDERED AND ABANDONED VESSEL EXCHANGE
(SAVE) GRANT PROGRAM OF THE STATE DIVISION OF BOATING AND
WATERWAYS

WHEREAS, there are approximately 26 vessels at the Berkeley Marina that were either abandoned by their owners, or liened and retitled to the City in accordance with California Statutes for non-payment of dockage fees. The vessels currently occupy slips in the Berkeley Marina that could otherwise be used to generate dockage revenue for the City. The vessels have little or no intrinsic value due to age and neglect; and

WHEREAS, responsibility for abandoned vessels, unfortunately, often falls on public agencies. For the past 20 years, the Division of Boating and Waterways has provided grants to public agencies to remove, store, and dispose of abandoned, wrecked, or dismantled water vessels or any other partially submerged objects that pose a substantial hazard to navigation, from navigable waterways or adjacent public property, or private property with the landowner's consent; and

WHEREAS, the Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Department has the primary responsibility for removing derelict and abandoned vessels from local waters. By applying for SAVE grants, the City is able to substantially leverage our funding for these projects, and safely remove potential environmental and navigational hazards from our waters; and

WHEREAS, the cost to remove and dispose of abandoned and derelict vessels at the Berkeley Marina is estimated at \$143,000. The Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Department will apply for \$130,000 from the DBW SAVE grant program to remove these vessels, and must provide a minimum match of 10% (equal to \$13,000). The Parks, Recreation & Waterfront Department has requested this appropriation be included in the second amendment to the FY2019 annual appropriations ordinance from the Marina Fund 608-52-544-592-0000-000-472-612990. If awarded, the grant will be deposited in the Marina Fund.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager or her designee is authorized to 1) submit a grant application to the California Division of Boating and Waterways 2019 SAVE grant program for \$130,000; 2) accept any grants; 3) execute any resulting grant agreements and any amendments; and the City Council authorizes the implementation of the projects and appropriation of funding for related expenses, including \$13,000 in local match from the Marina Fund, subject to securing the grant. A record signature copy of said agreements and any amendments to be on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

