



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
July 29, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager
Submitted by: Terrance Davis, Director, Public Works
Subject: Authorization to Apply for CalRecycle Waste Reduction, Reuse, Recycling, and Composting Grants and Payment Programs

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit grant applications, accept grant funds, and execute any resulting grant agreements, amendments and expenditure reports with the Department of Resource Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) for grant and payment programs related to waste reduction, reuse, recycling, and composting.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The City of Berkeley is eligible to apply for various CalRecycle grants in amounts ranging from \$10,000 to \$500,000 annually. No matching funds are required. The grant funds are utilized to implement programs related to achieving the City's Zero Waste goals through source-reduction, reuse, recycling, and/or composting.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

CalRecycle releases numerous grants and payment programs on an annual basis that help fund City of Berkeley waste reduction and recycling programs. CalRecycle requires an authorized Council Resolution to allow the City to apply for any CalRecycle competitive and non-competitive grants and payment programs. CalRecycle has also required that the City update its resolution for the SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program (LAGP).

CalRecycle routinely provides funds to support implementation of City ordinances, such as the Single Use Foodware and Litter Reduction Ordinance, and state legislative requirements, such as SB1383 the Short-Lived Climate Pollutants Reduction Act. The attached resolution meets CalRecycle's grant application requirements that will allow the City to apply for any available grants for which the City is eligible to apply within a five-year time frame. Five years is the maximum length of time for an authorizing City Council Resolution allowable by CalRecycle.

BACKGROUND

The Public Works Department applies for and manages CalRecycle non-competitive grants and payment programs, such as the Local Assistance Grant Program, City/County Beverage Container Recycling Payment Program and the Used Oil Payment Program.

The City has an existing Resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for the City/County Beverage Container Recycling Payment Program (Resolution No. 68,698-N.S.), Used Oil Payment Program (Resolution No. 65,028-N.S.), and Local Assistance Grant Program (Resolution; No. 69,546-N.S.); however, these resolutions are specific to these payment programs and do not allow the City to apply for any other CalRecycle competitive or non-competitive grants, which often have short application timelines. The City has an existing Resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for all CalRecycle grants (Resolution No. 56,776-N.S.); however, that resolution was approved November 24, 1992.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

CalRecycle grant funding is utilized to implement waste-reduction, reuse, recycling and composting programs that help achieve the City's Zero Waste goal and Climate Action Plan Goals.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

If approved, the attached resolution will allow staff to apply for CalRecycle grants and payment programs as they become available to help fund programs to reduce waste and benefit community members.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None. Without an updated resolution, staff cannot apply for CalRecycle grant funding, or other available waste reduction, recycling, and composting grants.

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR ALL
CALRECYCLE GRANTS FOR WHICH THE CITY OF BERKELEY IS ELIGIBLE

WHEREAS, Public Resources Code sections 48000 et seq. authorize the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to administer various competitive, non-competitive grant and payment program funds in furtherance of the State of California's (state) efforts to reduce, recycle and reuse solid waste generated in the state thereby preserving landfill capacity and protecting public health and safety and the environment; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of this authority CalRecycle is required to establish procedures governing the application, awarding, and management of the grants; and

WHEREAS, CalRecycle grant application procedures require, among other things, an applicant's governing body to declare by resolution certain authorizations related to the administration of CalRecycle grants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Berkeley authorizes the submittal of application(s) to CalRecycle for all grants for which the City of Berkeley is eligible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager, or his/her designee, is hereby authorized and empowered to execute in the name of the City of Berkeley all grant documents, including but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments and requests for payment, necessary to secure grant funds and implement the approved grant project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these authorizations are effective for five (5) years from the date of adoption of this resolution.

