



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 3/26/2024

File #: 24-328

To: Board of Supervisors

From: DHHS: Public Health

Agenda Section: Consent

Vote Requirement: Majority

SUBJECT:

Resolution to Authorize Submittal of Grant Applications for the Next Five Years to the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) for Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant (Grant) Funding for the Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health, Division of Environmental Health's (DEH) Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) Program

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt the resolution authorizing the Director of Public Health, or their designee, to apply for funding for the next five fiscal years (2024-25 through 2028-29) from CalRecycle (*See Attachment 1*);
2. Approve and authorize the DHHS-Public Health Director, or a designee thereof to enter into and execute grant agreements and grant agreement amendments with CalRecycle for DEH's LEA program, in Fund 1175, Budget Unit 430 after review and approval by County Counsel and Risk Management;
3. Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services Director of Public Health, or designee thereof to execute all subsequent amendments, and any other agreements, certifications, attestations, and documents directly related to the grant agreements, after review of County Counsel and Risk Management; and
4. Direct the Clerk of the Board to return one certified original, signed copy of the resolution to Public Health Administration.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Public Health Fund (1175), Budget Unit 430002

DISCUSSION:

CalRecycle administers a grant program which allows public agencies to seek financial assistance for the cleanup of eligible solid waste sites on farm or ranch properties as defined in 14 CCR Section 17991, where cleanup is needed to protect public health and the environment. No farm or ranch

property is eligible for a grant if it is determined that the owner was responsible for the illegal disposal. Eligible costs include excavation, erosion control, waste removal and disposal, recycling, site security and project management. CalRecycle requires that a Resolution authorizing the submission of grant applications, and acceptance of any grant funds, be adopted as part of the grant application process.

Your Board previously approved Resolution No. 19-42 on May 28, 2019 (Attachment 2) and similar resolutions regarding this grant program in 2005, 2009, and 2014. Past projects implemented by DEH and funded by the grant program include: cleanup and restoration of a nuisance dumpsite on private property used for cattle grazing and timber production along Wildcat Road, south of Ferndale; twelve dump sites on Pacific Lumber Company land along Shively and Kneeland Roads; Green Diamond Resource Company’s Holmes-Davis Dump site on Fickle Hill Road; and Redwood House Road dumpsite on Humboldt Redwood Company land.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Expenditures (1175, 430002)	FY23-24	FY24-25 Projected	FY25-26 Projected
Budgeted Expenses	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000
Total Expenditures	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000
Funding Sources (1175, 430002)	FY23-24 Adopted	FY24-25 Projected*	FY25-26 Projected*
Grant Funding	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000
Total Funding Sources	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000

**Projected amounts are estimates and are subject to change.*

Narrative Explanation of Financial Impact:

Adoption of this resolution will give DEH the ability to apply for grant funds for the next five fiscal years. The grant funds are limited to \$50,000 per project site, with a maximum of \$200,000 per year for each jurisdiction. This grant is administered through Fund 1175, Budget Unit 430002 and is not currently included in the proposed county budget for fiscal year 2023-24, but is expected to be budgeted in subsequent fiscal years. DEH will apply for and administer the grants on behalf of local property owners. DEH will be reimbursed for time spent on project management and up to 7% of the total Grant amount for administration of each cleanup project. As there is no reimbursement by the State for grant application and preparation, the Board has previously approved a Cleanup Grant Eligibility Review fee of \$980 in the county fee schedule for the LEA’s work in determining whether a site is eligible for grant application.

STAFFING IMPACT:

There are no anticipated impacts on staffing directly associated with the adoption of this resolution or the related grants.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports the following areas of your Board’s Strategic Framework.

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Core Roles: Create opportunities for improved safety and health
New Initiatives: Provide community-appropriate levels of service
Strategic Plan: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board could choose to not approve this Resolution. This is not recommended, as the loss of funding would result in the loss of the ability to respond to cleanup opportunities of illegal solid waste sites on farm or ranch properties.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution authorizing the Director of Public Health or the Director's designee to apply for Grant funding for fiscal years 2024-25 through 2028-29
2. Humboldt County Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 19-42 approved on May 28, 2019

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: C-13, D-8, F-5, C-5

Meeting of: May 28, 2019, June 10, 2014, April 7, 2009, February 8, 2005

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