

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT



For the meeting of: July 18, 2017

Date: July 10, 2017

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Virginia Bass

Subject: CalRecycle Food Waste Prevention and Rescue Grant Letter of Support

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Chair to sign the letter of support.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

<u>DISCUSSION</u>: Food for People, Zero Waste Humboldt, and the Cities of Eureka and Arcata have partnered in applying for a CalRecycle Food Waste Prevention and Rescue Grant as a regional collaboration. If awarded, the "Humboldt Bay Cities Food for People Project" will support waste prevention public education, promote nonperishable food rescue drives, provide needed expansion and upgrade of Food for People's main facility and achieve the goal of reducing food waste landfilled in Humboldt County by 5%500 tons annually. The Board of Supervisors has been asked for a letter of support for this very important project.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Letter of Support.

Prepared by	Kathy Hayes		Signature Uvanie Bon
REVIEW: Auditor	County Counsel	Personnel	Risk Manager Other
TYPE OF ITEM: XX Consent Departmental Public Hearing Other PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL: Board Order No. Meeting of:			BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT Upon motion of Supervisor Fennel Seconded by Supervisor Wilson Ayes Fennell, Wilson, Bohn, Bass, Sundberg Nays Abstain Absent and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report. To J 10, 2011
			Dated: OWLY 18, WIT By: Post Eless Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

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CalRecycle Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery 1001 I Street--P.O. Box 4025 Sacramento, CA 95812-4025

Attention: Food Waste Prevention and Rescue Grant Program

RE: Letter of Support for the Humboldt Bay Cities Food for People Project

Dear Grant Administrator:

The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors wholeheartedly supports this extraordinary regional collaborative of the Humboldt Bay Cities Food for People Project.

Food waste is a serious problem in Humboldt County. Our County disposes of 14,889 tons of food waste annually. Too many of our resident are hungry. Therefore, we encourage and support this regional collaborative project led by Food for People, and partners Zero Waste Humboldt, and the Cities of Arcata and Eureka to prevent food waste, increase food rescue and delivery to the people who need it, and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Because this project will emphasize grassroots involvement and widespread cooperation in promoting the adoption of food waste prevention habits and business methods, and will increase Food for People's capacity to accept and distribute rescued food, it will serve as a learning model for other rural regions committed to food waste prevention methods and participation in food rescue programs.

We respectfully request that CalRecycle award the grant funds requested for this very important project.

Sincerely,

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Virginia Bass, Chair Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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