



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: DHHS: Public Health

Agenda Section: Consent

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, Fund 1175, Budget Unit 430

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt the resolution authorizing the Director of Public Health, or a designee thereof, to apply for funding for the next 5 fiscal years (2019-20 through 2023-24) from CalRecycle;
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; and
3. 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

DISCUSSION:

CalRecycle administers a grant program which allows jurisdictions to seek financial assistance for the cleanup of eligible solid waste sites on farm or ranch properties 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. 14-46 on June 10, 2014 (Attachment 2) and similar resolutions regarding this grant program in 2005 and 2009. Past projects funded by the grant program

include: twelve dumpsites on Pacific Lumber Company land along Shively and Kneeland Roads; Green Diamond Resource Company's Holmes-Davis dumpsite on Fickle Hill Road; and Redwood House Road dumpsite on Humboldt Redwood Company land.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Adoption of this resolution will give DEH the ability to apply for grant funds for the next 5 fiscal years (FY). 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 430 and is included in the proposed county budget for FY 2019-20. 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 percent 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 \$888 for the LEA's work in determining whether a site is eligible for grant application. There will be no impact on Humboldt County's General Fund.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports your Board's Strategic Framework by creating opportunities for improved safety and health.

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 2019-20 through 2023-24.
2. Humboldt County Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 14-46 approved on June 10, 2014.

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

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

Meeting of: 06/10/14, 04/07/09, 02/08/05

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