

REPORT FROM

OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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To: Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee

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for Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer

Subject: **FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT APPLICATIONS: AUTHORITY TO APPLY
FOR THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION'S CLEAN
TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM GRANT**

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council, subject to approval of the Mayor:

1. Authorize the General Manager of the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), or designee, to prepare and submit the grant application for the Energy Incentives for Zero-Emission Commercial Vehicles (EnergIIZE Commercial Vehicles): Drayage Fleet and Transit Set-Aside Funding Lane proposal; and,
2. Instruct the General Manager of the LADOT, or designee, to report back if the City is awarded the grants, to request authority to accept the grant awards, and to identify front funding.

SUMMARY

On July 19, 2023, the California Energy Commission, Clean Transportation Program, released a notice of funding availability for the Energy Infrastructure Incentives for Zero-Emission Commercial Vehicles (EnergIIZE Commercial Vehicles): Drayage Fleet and Transit Set-Aside Funding (EnergIIZE Grant). The EnergIIZE Grant provides incentives towards the deployment of electric charging and hydrogen fueling infrastructure for medium- and heavy-duty (MD/HD) zero-emission transit vehicles (ZEVs) and drayage vehicles, prioritizing equity and community involvement. The application due date has been extended from August 18, 2023 to September 15, 2023.

This Office received one project proposal from LADOT to apply for a funding of \$750,000 to engineer, procure, and install 22 150-kilowatt direct-current bus chargers with 44 dispensers at the LADOT Downtown Commercial Street Yard. The proposed project will improve air quality, reduce carbon emissions, and allow for uninterrupted bus service.

Applicant Eligibility and Availability of Funding

The EnergIIZE Grant is open to organizations responsible for the engineering, construction, procurement, or site in California which will service MD/HD ZEVs (Class 2B or above) and to organizations responsible for the operation of MD/HD ZEVs (Class 2B and above) in California, and which will own and operate infrastructure to support their vehicles.

There are over \$25 million available for distribution under the EnergIIZE Grant.

Local Matching Fund Requirements

There is no matching fund requirement.

Required Approval to Accept Award

In accordance with the above administrative code section, all departments are required to seek Mayor and Council approval before accepting and receiving a grant award. It is therefore recommended that LADOT report back to the Mayor and Council upon award notification to request authority to accept and receive the grant award and confirm that there is no additional General Fund impact.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Approval of the recommendations in this report will not result in a General Fund impact. There is no matching fund requirement. However, upon notification of a grant award, a reassessment on the General Fund impact should be completed as related to lower than requested grant award amounts, verification of local match requirements, and front-funding for grants on a reimbursement basis.

FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT

The recommendations in this report comply with the City's Financial Policies.

Attachment: Proposed Grant Project

ATTACHMENT - PROPOSED GRANT PROJECT

Grant Administrator: California Energy Commission

Name of Grant: Energy Infrastructure Incentives for Zero-Emission Commercial Vehicles (EnergIIIZE Commercial Vehicles):
Drayage Fleet and Transit Set-Aside Funding

NOFO Release Date: July 19, 2023

Due Date: September 15, 2023

Award Date: TBD

Lead Department	Project Name	Project Description	Total Project (Budget)	Total Grant Request	Planned Completion Date
Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT)	Downtown Yard Installation of Electric Bus Chargers	Engineering, procurement, and installation of 22 150kW direct current bus chargers with 44 dispensers at LADOTs Downtown Commercial Street Yard. The proposed project improves air quality, reduces carbon emissions, and allows for uninterrupted bus service.	\$14,791,750	\$750,000	June 2025