


DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

BUREAU OF SANITATION

BOARD REPORT NO. 1

FEBRUARY 9, 2021

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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD
PUBLIC WORKS OF THE CITY
of Los Angeles California
AND REFERRED TO THE MAYOR
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AND REFERRED TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Executive Officer
- and of Public Works

AUTHORITY TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, NEGOTIATE, AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR A BROWNFIELDS CLEANUP GRANT AT CROCKER STREET PROPERTIES

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve and forward this report, with its transmittals, to the City Council and Mayor with the recommendation that the City Council, subject to concurrence of the Mayor, authorize the Director and General Manager of LA Sanitation and Environment (LASAN), or designee, to apply for, accept, negotiate, execute, and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests etc., subject to the approval of the City Attorney, as to form, which may be necessary to secure and receive the Brownfield Cleanup Grant funds for the Crocker Street Properties (sites) from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).
2. Request that the City Council, subject to the concurrence of the Mayor, adopt the proposed resolution (Transmittal No. 1) authorizing the acceptance of the USEPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant (Transmittal No. 2).

TRANSMITTALS

1. Copy of Proposed Authorizing Resolution.
2. USEPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant.

DISCUSSION**Background**

The USEPA provides grants to assist in sustaining and restoring communities (and the ecological systems that support them) by providing financial assistance to assess and cleanup contaminated properties for safe redevelopment. The USEPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant provides funding to carry out cleanup activities at brownfield sites owned by the applicant. Funding provided through this grant will be used for conducting cleanup activities at the sites.

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Brownfields are properties whose redevelopment or reuse is complicated by the presence or the potential presence of hazardous substances or other contaminants. The LASAN Brownfields Program provides financial and technical assistance for the investigation, remediation, and redevelopment of brownfield sites. Over the past 15 years, the Brownfields Program has obtained over \$60 million in brownfield funding and leveraged more than \$500 million in public and private development funds. Brownfield grants are available for all real property, regardless of land use designation, that has been contaminated by hazardous waste, controlled substances, petroleum, or petroleum products.

LASAN's Brownfields Program will accept, negotiate, and execute all necessary USEPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant agreement documents. The City-owned sites located at 5879-5887 and 5888-5910 Crocker Street in Council District 9 consist of approximately 0.84-acres of vacant land that will eventually be redeveloped as affordable housing. Prior to the City purchasing the sites in 2013 from the Community Redevelopment Agency of Los Angeles (CRA/LA), the sites were owned and operated by a plating business for more than fifty years. Environmental assessments and investigations have found heavy metals and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in the soil and soil vapor samples identifying the need for cleanup of the sites.

The cost estimate is based on the maximum amount of grant funding an applicant may request per grant cycle.

Due to time constraints, LASAN has applied for the USEPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant, but can withdraw the application if the Board of Public Works does not approve. The application was in the amount of \$500,000 which is 100% of the total project cost. The total amount may change depending on the availability of funding and changes to the project costs. Council File 11-0527 authorized LASAN's Director and General Manager, or his designee, to prepare and submit applications for grant funding for LASAN's Clean Fuel Program and other Environmental Programs. This includes opportunities from all private, local, state or federal grant funding sources.

PROJECT REVIEW BY DIRECTOR (PRD) APPROVAL

This project received PRD Approval on September 23, 2020 in the amount of \$500,000.

STATUS OF FINANCING

There is no impact to the General Fund. Front-funding in the amount of \$500,000 is available in the Integrated Solid Waste Management Fund, Fund No. 556, Dept 50, Appropriation Unit 50TMS Brownfields Program -Crocker Street. Reimbursement from the USEPA will be deposited into the Integrated Solid Waste Management Fund No. 556, Departmental Revenue Source Code 368407 - Other Federal Grants - General.

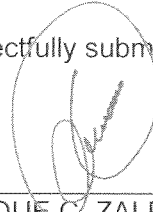
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Funds and appropriations for future fiscal years are not yet identified and existing appropriations may change based on available cash balances. Therefore, funds and appropriations will be determined by the Director and General Manager of LASAN or designee.

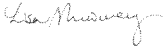
Funding as of the date of this Board Report has been verified and approved by the Director of the Office of Accounting subject to the terms and conditions and cash availability described above.

Respectfully submitted,



ENRIQUE C. ZALDIVAR, P.E.
Director and General Manager
Bureau of Sanitation

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:



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Bureau of Sanitation

Date: 1/21/21

APPROVED AS TO FUNDS:



MIGUEL DE LA PEÑA, Director

Office of Accounting

556/50/50TMS \$500,000

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