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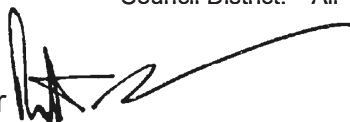
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Council District: All

To: City Council

From: Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer



Reference: Request for report from the Public Works Committee – Motion (Blumenfield-Rodriguez) relative to a prioritized list of potential applications for the Clean California Local Grant Program

Subject: **CLEAN CALIFORNIA LOCAL GRANT PROGRAM – PRIORITIZED LIST OF PROPOSALS FOR THE GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS**

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council, subject to approval of the Mayor:

1. Approve the prioritized list of potential projects for application submission for the Clean California Local Grants Program (CCLGP) in Attachment 1;
2. Instruct the Board of Public Works, and the General Managers for the Bureaus of Engineering, Sanitation, Street Lighting, and Street Services, and El Pueblo, and/or their designees, to prepare the grant applications for the respective proposals in Attachment 1, and to consult with the respective Council Office on community engagement as necessary; and,
3. Instruct the respective General Managers, or designees, of Departments that are awarded grants to:
 - a. report back to request authority to accept the award and confirm that there is no additional fiscal impact on the General Fund; and,
 - b. report project status to the City Administrative Officer every six months, in September and March of each year, highlighting project progress towards meeting the grant deadline of June 30, 2024.

SUMMARY

Motion (Blumenfield-Rodriguez; C.F. 21-1169) instructed the Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to report back with a prioritized list of projects for Council approval prior to the Clean California Local Grant Program (CCLGP) deadline to ensure that the City is maximizing funding to beautify our communities and improve the City's public right-of-way. On November 24, 2021, the

Public Works Committee amended the Motion to instruct the CAO, in coordination with the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), to prioritize the potential projects based upon their ability to fulfill additional specified criteria and to consult with the respective Council Districts to ensure that community outreach is performed as specified in the grant agreements.

As directed by the Motion, this Office conducted a Citywide Call for Projects to be considered for the CCLGP application process. Departments were requested to prioritize projects based upon the CCLGP objectives and requirements. The deadline for the grant proposals is February 1, 2022. The prioritized projects comply with the grant criteria. CLA staff have reviewed and concurred with the methodology used for selection of the recommended proposals in Attachment 1.

BACKGROUND

Governor Gavin Newsom launched Clean California, a \$1 billion statewide initiative to transform public spaces, with \$296 million dedicated to the Clean California Local Grants Program (CCLGP). This program will provide municipalities throughout the state with one-time funding to enact beautification and litter abatement projects, for a maximum grant award of up to \$5 million per project. The intent of the CCLGP is to fund projects that will be completed and open to the public, with all funds expended, by June 30, 2024. Caltrans issued a Call for Projects on December 1, 2021 with proposals due by February 1, 2022. Caltrans is scheduled to announce grant awards in March 2022.

The Clean California Local Grant Program was created to achieve the following goals:

- Reduce the amount of waste and debris within public rights-of-way, pathways, parks, transit centers, and other public spaces;
- Enhance, rehabilitate, restore, or install measures to beautify and improve public spaces and mitigate the urban heat island effect;
- Enhance public health, cultural connection, and community place-making by improving public spaces for walking and recreation; and,
- Advance equity for underserved communities.

The following selection criteria will be used to select awardees:

- Demonstrated need of the applicant and ability to achieve the program's goals;
- Demonstrated enhancement and beautification of a public space(s), including improved access to the space;
- Enhanced greening to provide shade, reduce the urban heat island effect, and use native, drought-tolerant plants;
- Abatement of litter and debris to improve access and use of public space(s);
- Public engagement that reflects community priorities and is consistent with local or regional plans such as General Plans, Improvement Plans, bicycle and/or pedestrian plans, and complete street plans. The project should also align with the public outreach that occurred during the preparation of these plans;

- Identification of the population benefit, including to underserved communities. Projects that demonstrate a benefit to an underserved community, either directly or indirectly, will be more competitive. For these projects, applicants must explain which underserved community is benefited, how the project benefits that community, and the percentage of the work and budget that benefits that community; and
- Project deliverability, in which projects are open to public and/or all funds are expended by June 30, 2024.

The CCLGP has a required local match of 0 percent to 50 percent. The percentage is determined based on the “severity of disadvantage” (SOD) of the community surrounding the project. The community surrounding the project is defined as all census tracts within a ¼ mile radius of the project site (or sites, if there are multiple locations.) The required local match will decrease as the SOD of the surrounding community increases. The grant guidelines provided a table to assist in determining the local match for a project comparing SOD of a census tract using the following five options:

- Area Media Income compared to State Median Income;
- CalEnviroScreen 3.0 Percentile Score;
- Percentage of Students that receive free or reduced lunches;
- Healthy Places Index Score; or
- Tribal Communities.

Once grant awards are known, City departments will request authority from Council to accept the awards and provide a final determination any impact to the General Fund. Caltrans may provide advance payments of grant awards to support program initiation and implementation, with a focus on mitigating the constraints of modest reserves and potential cash flow problems.

CITYWIDE CALL FOR PROJECTS

The instruction of the Council to report back was designed to allow a thoughtful process for strategically creating a prioritized list or potential applications for the CCLGP for Council approval prior to the grant deadline. Therefore, we conducted a Citywide call for proposals, including the Board of Public Works, the Bureau of Street Services, the Bureau of Sanitation, the Bureau of Engineering, the Department of Transportation, Recreation and Parks, the Department of Cultural Affairs, the Zoo, and El Pueblo, to be considered for the CCLGP application process.

We received a total of 31 proposals from various departments, including two proposals from the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA). Since HACLA is not a standard operating department under the City’s jurisdiction, this Office did not evaluate their proposals. However, they were useful in determining any potential overlapping project proposals. HACLA, as a State-chartered agency with jurisdiction over the project site, has the ability to submit project requests to the State, without Council approval. The remaining 29 proposals were evaluated based on the number of criterion that would be met under the CCLGP, and whether the project could meet the grant completion deadline of June 30, 2024.

18 projects with a total grant value of \$62.6 million are being recommended (See Attachment 1). Of the projects received, 16 will not require a local match. One project will use funding previously allocated to meet the local match requirement, and one project's local match requirement is undetermined at this time. For the proposed projects in which the Council District is noted as various, the projects will be installed in numerous locations in disadvantaged communities throughout the City.

Our Office will notify the departments on this prioritized list of proposals regarding our recommendations and suggest that they begin to prepare the grant application for their proposal. It should be noted that the Caltrans' grant application form requires agencies to quantify the project impact to the underserved communities and outreach activities, as well as provide details about the existing site conditions and community need. Departments will have to perform this analysis now to ensure that the City's application will be competitive among the other applications. It is recommended that departments consider incorporating additional elements such as litter abatement, an education outreach program or community place-making in the proposal to ensure that their application will be more competitive.

If the awarded projects are not completed by the deadline of June 30 2024, the City will be liable for the funding. Therefore, this Office recommends that departments provide a status report for awarded projects to the CAO every six months, in September and March of each year, highlighting project progress and any concerns regarding meeting the grant deadline.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

At this time, the General Fund will not be impacted. Previously allocated funding may be used as a local match if required, subject to grant award and a determination of the impact to the underserved communities. Front-funding needs will be determined once the State grant awards are known.

FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT

The recommendation in this report complies with the City's Financial Policies.

Attachment

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**CLEAN CALIFORNIA LOCAL GRANT PROGRAM
PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED FOR THE CCLGP APPLICATION PROCESS**

Lead Department (Point of contact)	Project Name	Project Limits/Description	CD	Total Project Budget	Total Grant Request	Local Match	Local Match Percentage	Planned Completion Date (Before June 2024)
BSS (Audrey Netsawang)	City-Wide Urban Cooling via Bus Bench Shade Structures	Install about 250 shade structures designed to fit over bus benches at an equal number of bus stop locations and perform site rehabilitation as needed.	Var.	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000	Y - \$2M in BSS' budgeted funds	25.0%	Jun 2024
BOE (Gary Lam)	Sixth Street Park, Arts, and River Connectivity Improvements Project	Scope of work includes landscaping, nighttime illumination, and recreational amenities to prevent illegal dumping and deter vandalism and graffiti. Amenities such as walking/jogging pathways, adult fitness equipment, public restrooms, misters, shade trees and drought tolerant plants, rain gardens, performance arts plaza, multi-purpose fields, and picnicking areas will beautify an existing public space, underneath and adjacent to the Sixth St Viaduct between Mateo St to US-101, that would otherwise be underutilized.	14	\$ 42,000,000	\$ 5,000,000	N	0.0%	Jun 2024
BOS (Paru Proffitt)/ Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC)	Clean and Green Communities	Remove approximately 18,000 square feet of concrete and plant 750 15-gallon street trees in the newly created tree wells around highway adjacent schools, parks, libraries and other community resources in low-canopy, high percentile disadvantaged communities (DAC) neighborhoods.	Var.	\$ 1,943,000	\$ 1,943,000	N	0.0%	May 2024
BSS (Ana Tabuena-Ruddy)	Creating Urban Habitat and Biodiversity through Median Greening #1	Improve 6 identified medians located in LA's historically underserved communities with native and/or drought tolerant planting and water-efficient irrigation	6,8,9,10,14,15	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000	N	0.0%	Jun 2024
BSS (Alexander Caiozzo)	Algin Sutton Recreation Center	Implement sidewalk improvements and street trees along the entire 630-foot stretch. Elements also include an improved entrance into the park with permeable pavers, seat walls, and a native learning garden.	8	\$ 1,140,000	\$ 1,140,000	N	0.0%	Oct 2023
BSL (Jaime Madrigal)	Solar Bike Path Lighting Retrofit	Replace 119 existing lighting elements along the LA River Bike Path, Vanalden Ave along LA River Bike Path to Mason Ave, with solar lighting fixtures (installed onto existing poles).	3	\$ 550,000	\$ 550,000	N	0.0%	Jan 2023
BSL (Jaime Madrigal)	Solar Bike Path Lighting Retrofit - LA River Bikeway	Replace all 371 existing lighting elements along the northern segment of the Los Angeles River Bikeway, Riverside Dr. along LA River Bike Path to Ventura Fwy., that is within City boundaries with solar lighting fixtures (installed onto existing poles).	13	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000	N	0.0%	Jan 2023
BSL (Jaime Madrigal)/Metro	Equity Priority Bus Stops Solar Lighting	Install up to 500 solar light fixtures onto Metro Bus Stop signage	Var.	\$ 2,700,000	\$ 2,700,000	N	0.0%	Nov 2023
BPW (Norman Tanada)/EWDD	Clean Jobs for LA	Hiring of 75 City of LA residents to provide public right-of-way cleanup, consisting of litter cleanup, weed abatement, and removal of illegally discarded items.	1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14 & 15.	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000	N	0.0%	Sept 2023
BSL (Jaime Madrigal)	Street Lighting System Upgrade Project 1	Install required additional street lights to the existing street lighting system and replace existing luminaires with more energy efficient models within the boundaries of Western Ave, Harbor Fwy (110), Vernon Ave and 52th st, in order to meet current lighting requirements and improve nighttime safety	8	\$ 4,600,000	\$ 4,600,000	N	0.0%	Jun 2024

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BSL (Jaime Madrigal)	Street Lighting System Upgrade Project 2	Install required additional street lights to the existing street lighting system and replace existing luminaires with more energy efficient models within the boundaries of Western Ave, Harbor Fwy (110), Slauson Ave, and Gage Ave, in order to meet current lighting requirements and improve nighttime safety.	8	\$ 4,600,000	\$ 4,600,000	N	0.0%	Jun 2024
El Pueblo (Arturo Chavez)	El Pueblo Historic District Architectural Fencing and Public Art	replace existing deteriorated fencing, walls, planters, landscaping, lighting, and associated way-finding signage around portions of the El Pueblo district	14	\$ 4,600,000	\$ 4,600,000	N	0.0%	Jun 2024
El Pueblo / BSL (Arturo Chavez) / (Jaime Madrigal)	El Pueblo Historic District Lighting Upgrades and Public Art	Repair and expand an existing up-lighting building illumination of National Register district buildings and spaces, replace existing streetlights in and around Main St.	14	\$ 4,600,000	\$ 4,600,000	N	0.0%	Jun 2024
BOS (Paru Proffitt)	Litter Abatement via Bulky Item Collection and Outreach	Bulky item pick up through direct container placement will be paired with education and outreach to ensure that public spaces targeted for cleanup continue to thrive.	6, 8, 10, 14, 15	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000	N	0.0%	Jun 2024
BOS (Paru Proffitt)	LASAN Recycling Round Ups and Mobile Collection Events	LASAN will coordinate weekend recycling round up events, targeting disadvantaged neighborhoods across the City, for collection of bulky items and large recyclables. The round ups will be paired with LASAN's Mobile Collection Events, which will collect Used Oil, E-Waste, Paint and Household Hazardous Waste from residents. LASAN plans to have 23 Mobile Collection Events/Recycling Round Ups per year.	Var.	\$ 1,475,000	\$ 1,475,000	N	0.0%	Jun 2024
BOE (Arsen Voskerchyan)	Western Gage Median Park Project *	The Project consists of creating a buffer area between traffic and the Western Gage Median by constructing corner bump outs, creating a one-way street, landscaping, ADA curb ramps, vacation of a paper street, reconstruction of sidewalk area, and recessing the sidewalk area to accommodate for eleven (11) newly proposed angled parking on the northern section of the median island	8	\$ 1,850,000	\$ 1,850,000	N	0.0%	Mar 2024
BOE (Arsen Voskerchyan)	Pacoima Wash Beautification Improvements *	Fencing to include architectural features to beautify the areas that fence off the channel. A greenway or additional landscaped open space along the channel	6	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000	TBD - BOE will have to select the criteria used for determining if any of the project site is located in a historically excluded community.		Jun 2024
BOS (Paru Proffitt)	Tujunga Canyon Blvd Green Streets *	New sidewalk and stormwater infrastructure that Tujunga Canyon Blvd and Commerce Avenue are currently lacking. The Tujunga Canyon Blvd corridor will be reconstructed with new permeable concrete sidewalks, bioswale planters, street trees, new curb and gutter, and ADA compliant access ramps. Commerce Avenue will be improved with added green space by adding a series of bioswale islands on the roadway to decrease the overall hardscape of corridor.	7	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 3,000,000	N	0.0%	Jan 2024

PROPOPALS RECOMMENDED 18
GRANT REQUEST AMOUNT \$ 62,558,000

* Prior to applying for the grant, the respective departments should re-evaluate the project schedule to determine if the project could be completed by June 2024, a hard deadline set by the Grant.