

City of Culver City, California
City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: 3/23/09		Item Number: <u>A-4</u>	
AGENDA ITEM: Authorization to Submit a Grant Application for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Funds through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) for Construction of Water Quality Improvements at the Culver City Solid Waste Transfer Station.			
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Fiscal Impact: Yes ☐ No ☒		General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☒	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☒ Attachments: ☐	
Public Notification: Master Public Notification List (03/18/09)			
Department Approval: Charles D. Herbertson (03/17/09)		City Attorney Approval: Carol A. Schwab (by H. Baker) (03/18/09)	
Chief Financial Officer Approval: Jeff Muir (03/18/09)		City Manager Approval: Jerry B. Fulwood (03/18/09)	
RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the City Council authorize the submittal of a grant application requesting \$800,000 in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) for construction of water quality improvements at the Culver City Solid Waste Transfer Station. BACKGROUND: On February 17, 2009, President Barack Obama signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). This \$787 Billion economic stimulus package includes \$355 Billion in funding for transportation, infrastructure, construction, healthcare programs, education, housing assistance, and energy efficiency projects, \$144 Billion in State and Local Fiscal Relief and \$288 Billion in tax credits. ARRA funds will be issued through grants and loans for specific funding categories administered by existing grant agencies. DISCUSSION: The ARRA is providing \$6 Billion nationwide for <i>Clean Water and Drinking Water Grants and Loans</i> and \$281 Million has been allocated for projects in California to fund “shovel-ready” projects. The State Water Resources Control (SWRCB) will administer the grant and loan program through the <i>Clean Water State Revolving Fund</i> (CWSRF). Eligible projects include sewer facilities, water recycling facilities, storm water quality improvement, and estuary conservation and management.			

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Funding would be provided on a reimbursement basis and no local match is required.

Proposed Project - It is recommended that the City submit a grant application for ARRA/CWSRF funding for the construction of water quality improvements at the Culver City Solid Waste Transfer Station. The project would include design and construction of a first flush retention system at the Transfer Station at 9255 Jefferson Boulevard to improve the quality of storm water discharging to Ballona Creek during storms. Improvements would consist of underground retention structures, pumps and control systems to retain the first ¾" of rainfall from the site and discharge it to the sewer system after storm events. It is estimated that this project will cost \$800,000.

City Council authorized the issuance of a request for proposals for this project on August 11, 2008 and design proposals were received on September 24, 2008. The project was put on hold, however, due to budget concerns.

Application Process - The State Water Resources Control Board has set a March 24, 2009 deadline to place projects on the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) priority list to apply for funding. This is an on-line application process and staff has drafted the applications and is ready to submit them upon Council authorization. Full hardcopy applications will be prepared and submitted by staff after completion of the on-line application.

SWRCB staff indicates it is their goal to enter into grant agreements addressing 50% of ARRA funds by August 2009 with the ultimate goal of having 50% of the ARRA funding encumbered to construction contracts by February 2010. The remainder of funding would be committed to agreements in 2010.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

There is no fiscal impact caused by submittal of the grant application. The grant funding would be provided on a reimbursement basis and no local match is required. If the grant is received, design and construction will be performed by consultants and contractors. Project management will be provided by Public Works Environmental Program and Operations Division staff without the need for additional staff. Staff will return to the City Council to authorize acceptance of the grant and to amend the adopted budget to incorporate the funds.

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ATTACHMENTS:

None

MOTIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Authorize the submittal of a grant application requesting \$800,000 in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) for construction of water quality improvements at the Culver City Solid Waste Transfer Station; and,
2. Authorize the City Attorney to review/prepare the necessary documents; and,
3. Authorize the City Manager to execute such documents on behalf of the City.