

**City of Culver City, California
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Meeting Date: 06/09/14		Item Number: <u>C-4</u>	
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM: Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing Staff to Submit Applications to June 30, 2015 for Grant Funding Associated with the Purchase of Alternative Fuel Vehicles and Other Emission Control Technologies			
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Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐		General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☒	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☐ Attachments: ☒	
Commission Action Required: Yes ☐ No ☒			
Public Notification: Agendas and Meetings – City Council (06/04/14)			
Department Approval: Art Ida (05/20/14)		City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab (by H. Baker) (06/03/14)	
Chief Financial Officer Approval: Jeff Muir (06/02/14)		City Manager Approval: John M. Nachbar (06/03/14)	
<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Staff recommends the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing staff to apply for grant funding associated with the purchase of alternative fuel vehicles and other emission control technologies, namely, Clean Transportation Funding from the Mobile Source Reduction Committee (MSRC) and the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD), to assist the City in achieving clean air mandates in the South Coast Region of California. <u>BACKGROUND:</u> The City of Culver City, situated in the South Coast Region of California, is mandated to comply with State and local clean air rules for municipal fleets, as administered by the AQMD. Every year, the AQMD and the MSRC allocate discretionary funds for clean air projects to assist local fleets in meeting these mandates. Proposals are solicited from cities, counties, school districts, and private businesses for grant funded projects including, but not limited to: alternative-fuel refueling infrastructure; heavy-duty alternative fuel vehicle purchases; alternative fuel refuse vehicle purchases; diesel retrofit devices for off-road construction equipment; and transit bus purchases. The City is committed to the use of compressed natural gas (CNG) as the alternative fuel of choice for our City fleet. This solidifies our opportunity to apply for grant funding to assist in offsetting the costs of CNG engines versus their diesel- and unleaded-fueled counterparts. The City's receipt of AB2766 Subvention Funds also establishes our eligibility to participate in Local Government Match Programs offered annually by the MSRC. Staff continues to monitor state and local clean air			

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legislation and keeps informed about opportunities to obtain assistance with the purchase of alternative fuel vehicles and other emission control technologies.

On June 24, 2013, the City Council adopted Resolution 2013-R045 which provided authority for staff to pursue these grants during Fiscal Year 2013/2014.

DISCUSSION:

Since the initiation of air quality grant activities in 2002, the City has been awarded over \$2.5 million in grant funds from the AQMD and MSRC for the purchase of alternative fuel vehicles and associated clean air projects; currently, staff is managing \$360,000 in active alternative fuel vehicle grants.

The AQMD and MSRC require documented authorization from the City Council for signatory authority on grant applications and associated awarded contracts. The proposed resolution, if adopted by the City Council, would provide such authorization to continue the pursuit of these grant funds during Fiscal Year 2014/2015.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

Awards for heavy-duty vehicle purchases generally amount to a maximum of \$32,000 per unit. Awards for Local Government Match projects equal up to \$30,000 per unit. Other clean air projects vary according to their intent.

The purchase of alternative fuel vehicles and equipment is reviewed on an annual basis by the City Council as part of the budget process. Awarded grant funds are used to offset the costs for the alternative fuel vehicles. Purchases of new alternative fuel vehicles which do not impact the General Fund, such as transit buses that have reached their useful life, are purchased using federal and local funds allocated annually in the Transportation Department budget.

No General Fund monies are necessary to implement the grant funding process.

ATTACHMENTS:

Proposed Resolution.

MOTION:

That the City Council:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the submittal of grant applications and acceptance of such approved funding made available by the AQMD and the MSRC to June 30, 2015 for the purchase of alternative fuel vehicles and other emission control technologies.