

**City of Culver City, California
Agenda Item Report**

Meeting Date: February 14, 2011		Item Number: <u>C-8</u>	
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM: FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE REQUIREMENT - Approval of a Budget Amendment to Appropriate \$485,000 for a United States Environmental Protection Agency Reimbursement Grant.			
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Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐		General Fund: Yes ☒ No ☐	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☐ Attachments: ☐	
Commission Action Required: Yes ☐ No ☒		Date: _____	
Public Notification: Meetings and Agendas – City Council (02/09/11); Ongoing Topics - Sustainability and Environmental Issues (02/09/11)			
Department Approval: Charles D. Herbertson (02/02/11)		City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab (by H. Baker) (02/07/11)	
Chief Financial Officer Approval: Jeff Muir (02/09/11)		City Manager Approval: John M. Nachbar (02/09/11)	
<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Staff recommends the City Council approve a budget amendment appropriating \$485,000 for a United States Environmental Protection Agency reimbursement grant. A BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUIRES A FOUR-FIFTHS VOTE <u>BACKGROUND:</u> On January 12, 2009 the City Council authorized the submittal of federal appropriations requests for Fiscal Year 2009/2010. The following project, which ranked #3 on the priority list, was submitted. <u>Storm Water Improvement - Trash Removal Devices on Catch Basins.</u> This project proposes the installation of trash removal devices in 834 catchbasins citywide to comply with Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) regulations. The devices will consist of automatic retractable screens along the curb face to keep larger solids out of catch basins and connector pipe screens inside catchbasins to retain all debris larger than 5mm. The devices would be installed on all City and County-owned catch basins within the City. The total amount requested is \$1,300,000.			

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In February 2010, the City received an award letter from United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) stating that the City received \$485,000 in federal appropriations to retrofit catch basins with trash screens. The award was contingent upon the submittal of an Environmental Information Document (EID) and work plan. Completion of an EID was necessary to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act.

In August 2010, the City received notice from the EPA that the catch basin retrofit project passed environmental review.

DISCUSSION:

The EPA will disburse grant funds on a reimbursement basis. Funds must be first set aside and expended before the EPA will reimburse the City for project cost.

The City received \$1,194,100 in Proposition 50 grant funding to retrofit 672 catch basins with trash screens, to purchase 95 litter/recycling receptacles, and to build three rain gardens at public facilities. The funds allocated under the Prop 50 grant to retrofit 672 catch basins are insufficient. EPA grant funds will be used to supplement the shortfall in Proposition 50 grant funding and to retrofit the original 672 basins and an additional 162 basins (for a total of 834 basins retrofitted). The EPA grant has a local match requirement of \$511,603, which will be covered by the Proposition 50 grant funding.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

A budget amendment is required to appropriate \$485,000 into Capital Improvement Project P-497 (account number 42300497). Staff anticipates that the entire EPA grant amount will be expended by April 2011 and the City will be reimbursed by July 2011.

MOTION:

That the City Council:

Approve a Budget Amendment appropriating of \$485,000 for a United States Environmental Protection Agency reimbursement grant.

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