

**CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Date: January 18, 2022
Reviewed by: NA

SUBJECT: Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program

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SUMMARY

The action before the City Council is to authorize the City Manager to apply to the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) for funding from the SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Council adopt Resolution No. 2022-04, authorizing the City Manager to submit to the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery a SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program application and if awarded to execute associated grant agreements.

BACKGROUND

On December 6, 2021, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2021-11, amending Section 15-2 of the Albany Municipal Code, opting into the Alameda County Organics Reduction and Recycling Ordinance (ORRO). The Ordinance became effective in January 2022, consistent with the Organics Reduction and Recycling Ordinance adopted by the Alameda County Waste Management Authority. The ORRO serves as the enforcement mechanism for compliance with the Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Act of 2016 (Senate Bill 1383).

DISCUSSION

The Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Act of 2016 (Senate Bill 1383) is a state mandate requiring diversion of 75% of organic waste from landfills and recovery of 20% of edible food statewide by 2025. The intent of SB 1383 is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to curb global climate change. When compostable materials such as food scraps, yard trimmings, and paper products break down in a landfill, they become powerful contributors to greenhouse gas emissions. Local jurisdictions are the primary entities responsible for implementation and enforcement of SB 1383 requirements. The requirements affect all organic waste generators in the residential and commercial sectors, and implementation will require coordination between all City departments and many County agencies. Waste haulers, food recovery organizations, and procurement partners also have significant roles to play to advance compliance.

Implementation of SB 1383 regulations will require significant staff time, as well as funding for outreach and education to residential and commercial customers, record keeping and reporting, procurement of recycled-content paper products, among other implementation activities. If awarded grant funding, the City will use funds to cover some of the costs associated with implementation of SB 1383 regulations.

The Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) is administering a one-time, non-competitive grant program meant to provide aid in the implementation of regulations adopted by CalRecycle pursuant to Chapter 395, Statutes of 2016 and SB 170 Budget Act of 2021.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

The SB 1383 regulations are intended to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, develop markets for recycled organic material such as compost and mulch, and encourage more efficient use of edible food resources across the state. If the regulations achieve their intended goals, then California and the City of Albany will decrease their contribution to climate change and consumption of resources.

SOCIAL JUSTICE CONSIDERATIONS

Edible food recovery efforts mandated by SB 1383 will provide greater access to edible food for local food banks and food distribution organizations.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

This is a non-competitive grant opportunity. The City would receive a base award of \$20,000, and has the potential to receive an additional \$3,390 based on a per capita allocation formula. No local match is required to qualify for these grants.

NEXT STEPS

Once the application is submitted and if the grant is awarded, the City Manager will execute the grant agreements and staff will use funds to cover costs associated with SB 1383 implementation.

Attachments

1. Resolution No. 2022-04