

April 22, 2025

Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation to authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute an agreement, and any necessary documents, including any necessary subsequent amendments, with the California Energy Commission (CEC) to accept and expend grant funding in the amount of \$3,300,000 to acquire and install charging infrastructure for government fleet vehicles, with a term ending November 30, 2028;

Increase appropriations in the Capital Projects Funds Group in the Public Works Department by \$1,625,000, offset by CEC grant funds; and,

Increase appropriations in the Capital Projects Fund Group in the Public Works Department by \$1,625,000, offset by the transfer of CEC grant funds from the Capital Grant Fund. (District 1)

DISCUSSION

City Council approval is requested to execute an agreement with the CEC to receive and expend grant funding for the installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure for government fleet vehicles.

On December 31, 2023, the CEC released a Grant Funding Opportunity (GFO) entitled "Charging Infrastructure for Government Fleets." This competitive grant solicitation was to fund projects that provide electric vehicle charging infrastructure for light-duty government fleets.

Through this CEC GFO, the City of Long Beach (City), in partnership with the Port of Long Beach (Port), submitted a grant application requesting \$3,300,000 to purchase and install 57 dual-port Level 2 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (EVCS) and two single-port Direct Current Fast Chargers (DCFC) at the City of Long Beach's (City) Lincoln Garage and three dual-port Level 2 EVCS and 16 single-port DCFCs at the Port's Joint Command and Control Center (JCCC) (Project). These actions will support the City and Port's on-road light duty fleet and their goal to reduce greenhouse gases.

The Project's goals are aligned with the City Climate Action Plan's goals of promoting sustainable development in transportation to improve health and reduce vehicle emissions.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Erin Weesner-McKinley on April 4, 2025, and by Budget Management Officer Nader Kaamouch on April 7, 2025.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on April 22, 2025, to execute and appropriate an agreement with CEC to acquire and install charging infrastructure at the City's Lincoln Garage and the Port's JCCC.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total project costs, inclusive of acquiring the charging infrastructure, design, installation, labor compliance, inspection, and project oversight, are estimated at \$7,265,075. The agreement requires a \$3,965,075 grant match. To ensure the City has the proper infrastructure needs to align with the pace of increasing EVs being deployed, a bond will be brought to the City Council for review as the scope of the infrastructure needs are being finalized, of which \$1,512,791 is planned to support the CEC grant match from anticipated bond proceeds from the next Citywide lease revenue bond issue, anticipated for spring of 2026. The remaining \$2,452,284 grant match will be supported by the Harbor Fund Group in the Harbor Department. The City will receive grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$3,300,00 from CEC.

An appropriation increase in the amount of \$3,250,000 is requested in the Capital Projects Fund Group in the Public Works Department. Of this amount, \$1,625,000 will be offset with grant reimbursement revenues received from CEC. The remaining \$1,625,000 is a technical appropriation to allow for the transfer of grant funds from the Capital Grant Fund, a fund within the Capital Projects Fund Group.

Additionally, the Harbor Department has been awarded \$1,675,000 in CEC grant funds, however, an appropriation adjustment is not necessary for the Harbor Department portion of the grant.

This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. It is anticipated that there will be a positive impact on local jobs because the Project will require construction activities, which will be in accordance with the City's Project Labor Agreements and will require all contracts and subcontractors to be signatories to the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and hold a valid C-10 electrical contractors' license. Approval of this recommendation will provide continued support to the local economy.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



Eric Lopez
Director
Public Works

APPROVED:



THOMAS B. MODICA
CITY MANAGER