



# City of Emeryville

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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** February 7, 2017

**TO:** Carolyn Lehr, City Manager

**FROM:** Maurice Kaufman, Public Works Director

**SUBJECT:** Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Emeryville Accepting the Award of The Urban Sustainability Directors Network Sustainable Consumption In Cities Grant, Authorizing the City Manager to Take Actions to Secure the Award And Appropriating Said Grant Funds In The Amount Of \$6,108 To General Fund Account 4050-55300 To Develop A Pilot Program To Reduce Food Waste At The Emeryville Center For Community Life (ECCL) And In Community Services' Events

## RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the above-referenced resolution.

## BACKGROUND

The Urban Sustainability Directors Network (USDN) is a peer-to-peer network of local government professionals from across the United States and Canada dedicated to creating a healthier environment, economic prosperity, and increased social equity. It is designed to allow local sustainability staff to share best practices and accelerate the development and application of good ideas across governments.

The Sustainable Consumption Work Group of USDN solicited applications for small grants, to be funded through the work group by the Global Philanthropy Partnership. The City of Emeryville applied for grant funds to develop a food procurement and green events policy for the Emeryville Center of Community Life (ECCL). Public Works staff will work with the Community Services Department and the Emery Unified School District to establish new food purchasing standards to include environmental sustainability, fair wages, local economies, animal welfare, and nutrition, and prevent extraneous resource consumption before the product reaches the user.

On January 3, 2017 the City of Emeryville received a Grant Award for this project in the amount of \$6,108. The award letter is attached. The funds will be used to cover staff time for project management and for the development of the Food Procurement Policy and the Green Events Policy.

## **DISCUSSION**

With up to 40% of all food wasted nationally, food waste presents a huge opportunity for reducing resource consumption and greenhouse gas emissions while shifting to more sustainable behaviors. Under its Climate Action Plan goals for greater sustainable consumption and waste reduction, the City of Emeryville is looking to develop a program to tackle the food waste from the perspective of food procurement and green event planning. The pilot program will take place at the new Emeryville Center of Community Life (ECCL), a K-12 school site combined with a Community Center. Uniquely situated as the only facility in California under joint City-School district jurisdiction, the ECCL already has the attention of dignitaries such as Congresswoman Barbara Lee and California State Senator Nancy Skinner, which can be leveraged for the promotion of programs.

The project manager will work with its Community Services Department (CSD) and the Emery Unified School District (EUSD) to develop food procurement policies that incorporate environmental sustainability, fair wages, humane animal welfare, local vendors, and good health and nutrition. While the food procurement policy for EUSD will focus on school meals that include breakfast, lunches, snacks and potentially supper, the policy for CSD will target its afterschool and community events, and incorporate broader aspects of green event planning. If the pilot green events policy is successful, it may expand to other city events outside of the CSD. The project manager will assist in coordinating the bidding process for new vendors and coordinating training for kitchen staff where applicable. Baseline and post-pilot project food waste levels will be measured using a free toolkit from StopWaste, Alameda County's waste and recycling agency.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

This grant award requires no match. The work will be done predominantly by the Environmental Programs Intern, with project time covered by the grant. Allocation of \$6,108 to this project will enable the City to pursue this project with lower expenditures for staff time, thus maximizing the sustainability efforts of the Public Works Environmental Intern and other staff.

**PREPARED BY:** Nancy Humphrey, Environmental Programs Supervisor

**APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EMERYVILLE:**



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Carolyn Lehr, City Manager

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Resolution
2. Award Letter