

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A CONSUMER RECYCLING EDUCATION AND OUTREACH GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC UTILITIES OR DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS AND EXECUTE ALL APPLICATION AND GRANT AGREEMENT DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF FRESNO.

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno (City) owns and operates the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) responsible for collecting over 1,350 daily tons of residential solid waste, recyclables, and green waste for approximately 112,000 customers; and

WHEREAS, the City is working to meet the State of California mandate as required by AB 939, which calls for a 50 percent reduction in the waste sent to landfill; and

WHEREAS, the City's DPU proposes the development and execution of an education and outreach plan to inform the public about residential and community recycling programs to increase recycling participation rates; and

WHEREAS, The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) established the "Consumer Recycling Education and Outreach Grant Program" (REO grants) and provides \$75,000,000 for REO grants for Federal Fiscal Years 2022 through 2026 at \$15,000,000 per year. Pursuant to Section 70402(b) of the BIL, the purpose of the competitive REO grant program is to improve the effectiveness of residential and community recycling programs through public education and outreach; and

WHEREAS, in November 2022, the EPA issued the Guidelines and Proposal Solicitation Package establishing the processes, procedures, and criteria that EPA will

use to implement the Consumer Recycling Education and Outreach Grant Program (Program); and

WHEREAS, the Program will fund recycling education and outreach projects intended to improve consumer recycling education, increase waste prevention activities, increase collection of recyclable materials and program participation rates and decrease contamination of the recycling stream; and focus on commonly recycled materials such as municipal solid waste and provide tools and technical assistance that will lead to long-term, sustained change and benefits; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project fits the criteria of the Program by informing the public about residential and community recycling programs; provides information about the recycled materials that are accepted as part of the recycling program to support the separate collection of residential solid waste from recycled material; and increases collection rates and decreases contamination in residential and community recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, the DPU intends to apply for grant funding from EPA for the Program; and

WHEREAS, the City has the legal authority and is authorized to enter into a funding agreement with the EPA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno as follows:

1. That pursuant and subject to all of the terms and provisions of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law under Section 70402(b) "Consumer Recycling Education and Outreach Grant Program," the City of Fresno Director of Public Utilities or designee is

hereby authorized and directed to prepare and file an application for funding with the EPA for the Program and take such other actions as necessary or appropriate to obtain grant funding.

2. The City of Fresno Director of Public Utilities or designee is hereby authorized and directed to execute the funding agreement, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney's Office, with the Department of Public Utilities Solid Waste Division and any amendments thereto.

3. The City of Fresno Director of Public Utilities or designee is hereby authorized and directed to submit any required documents, invoices, and reports required to obtain grant funding.

4. This resolution shall be effective upon final approval.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss.
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, TODD STERMER, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____ 2023.

AYES :
NOES :
ABSENT :
ABSTAIN :

Mayor Approval: _____, 2023
Mayor Approval/No Return: _____, 2023
Mayor Veto: _____, 2023
Council Override Vote: _____, 2023

TODD STERMER, CMC
City Clerk

By: _____
Date

Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
ANDREW JANZ
City Attorney

By: _____
Angela M. Karst Date
Deputy City Attorney