



CITY of BRISBANE

Baylands Subcommittee Agenda

Thursday, February 17th, 2022 at 10:00 AM • Virtual Meeting

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SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Councilmember Cunningham, Councilmember O'Connell

PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Discuss Equitable Community Revitalization Grants

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

A.

File Attachments for Item:

A. Discuss Equitable Community Revitalization Grants



MEMORANDUM

To: Baylands Subcommittee
From: Michael Roush, Legal Counsel
Subject: Equitable Community Revitalization Grants
Date: February 17, 2022

Background

In 2021, the Governor signed the Cleanup in Vulnerable Communities Initiative allocating \$500 million to expedite the clean up and beneficial use of contaminated properties. The Department of Toxic Substances Control's Equitable Community Revitalization Grant will provide more than \$200 million in grants to applicants through a competitive process. The grants are available to help local governments, even if the local government does not own the property that is contaminated. Grants, ranging from \$80,000 to \$7 million may be used, for example, to implement site specific environmental cleanups. According to the Grant program's materials, communities throughout California that are burdened by lands that are contaminated and are expensive to cleanup and reuse for, among other uses, parklands, commercial enterprises and housing, will benefit by these grants by creating healthier and more economically viable communities.

BDI representatives have discussed with City staff whether the City would consider applying for one of these grants to assist in the cleanup effort of the Baylands. As such, the City would be the applicant and any funds allocated would be held and distributed by the City.

City staff is bringing this matter to the Baylands Subcommittee for its input as to whether the City should apply for such grant.

Discussion

For applicants, such as the City, where the applicant is not the owner of the contaminated land, the applicant must:

1. Affirm that it did not transport hazardous materials to the site nor cause or contribute to any release of hazardous substances at the site;

2. Describe the relationship of the applicant with the landowner and the role of the owner in the work to be performed;
3. Describe any agreement to access the site; and
4. Indicate whether the owner caused or contributed to the contamination at the site.

In determining whether an application meets the eligibility criteria, DTSC will consider, among other criteria, community benefit, consistency with community plans, status of project entitlement, status of environmental clearance, capacity of project partners to complete the project, and clarity of project description, budget, work plan and schedule.

Generally, the work that is proposed to Grant funding must be completed within a two-year time frame although an applicant may reapply for additional Grant funding for the same site if more cleanup is necessary after the end of a grant term.

Staff has not discussed with BDI a detailed scope of cleanup work for which an application could be submitted until the City Council has weighed in on the City's being an applicant. Staff looks forward to hearing any comments the subcommittee members have concerning this matter.