



AGENDA REPORT

Economic Development

DATE:	October 18, 2022
TO:	Mayor Butt and Members of the City Council
FROM:	Nickie Mastay, Deputy City Manager Jene Levine-Snipes, Development Project Manager
SUBJECT:	State of California Department of Transportation (Cal Trans) Clean California Grant Program Funds for the Richmond Art and Lighting Project
FINANCIAL IMPACT:	These actions do not create any direct cost or liability to the City's General Fund. The actions contemplated here would generate a one-time grant that does not have to be repaid. These funds would be administered by the Public Works Department in accordance with Cal Trans rules and regulations. The Public Works Department, Parks Division will adjust its budget accordingly and set up a fund for this program.
PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:	None
STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:	City Staff is requesting City Council to approve a resolution to ACCEPT and APPROPRIATE grant funds in the amount of \$4,000,000 from the State of California Department of Transportation (Cal Trans) Clean California Grant Program for Richmond Art and Lighting Project
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	ADOPT a resolution to ACCEPT and APPROPRIATE grant funds in the amount of \$4,000,000 from the State of California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) Clean California Grant Fund – Public Works (Nickie Mastay/Jene Levine-Snipes 307-8132) .

DISCUSSION:

Richmond Communities Clean Collaborative consists of beautification and safety projects to enhance local street undercrossings and one overcrossing in the City of Richmond. The locations are Macdonald Avenue, Barrett Avenue, and San Pablo Avenue undercrossings on Highway 80 and Harbor Way overcrossing on Highway 580. The project will install pedestrian scale lighting to brighten the pedestrian experience and artwork to help enliven the space for the community.

Highway 80 is an eight-lane freeway that transects the City. The width of the structure leaves the sidewalk dark even during daylight hours. The pedestrian experience will be transformed through art and lighting. The artwork will significantly brighten the underpass locations both physically and emotionally by adding color to a drab space. It will also help reduce graffiti by enlivening these spaces and providing less blank canvas for taggers.

On October 30, 2021, City of Richmond staff submitted the proposal for the Richmond Art and Lighting Project. On September 23, 2022, the City was provided the finalized list of the grant award. The project must be complete by June 30, 2024.

City staff is requesting City Council to approve the resolution to accept and appropriate the grant funds and adjust the FY2022-2023 revenues and expenditures by \$4,000,000.

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

Attachment 1 – Resolution

Attachment 2 – Cal Trans Clean CA Co-Op Agreement Letter