



AGENDA REPORT

Community Development

DATE:	November 26, 2024
TO:	Mayor Martinez and Members of the City Council
FROM:	Lina Velasco, Director of Community Development Jesus Morales, Housing Manager Charice Duckworth, Senior Planner
Subject:	Appropriation of Grant Funds Related to EPA Brownfield Revolving Loan Funds
FINANCIAL IMPACT:	The EPA Brownfield Revolving Loan funds are in fund 225-101101 and are being requested to be appropriated into the Housing budget.
PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:	May 21, 2019, February 21, 2017
STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:	On May 21, 2019, the City Council authorized execution of a contract with Community Housing Development Corporation of North Richmond (CHDC) for the completion of the remediation of four contaminated sites in North Richmond to be funded by EPA Brownfield Revolving Loan grant funds. Staff is seeking appropriation of the remaining grant funds to issue the final payment of the grant funds to CHDC and to bill City administrative costs related to the grant.
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	APPROPRIATE the remaining grant funds totaling \$260,442.69 related to the EPA Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund to the Housing Budget to issue final payment of the funds allocated to Community Housing Development Corporation of North Richmond and administrative program costs– Community Development (Lina Velasco/Charice Duckworth 510-412-2052)

DISCUSSION:

In September 2009, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region IX provided the Richmond Community Redevelopment Agency (RCRA) with a \$1 million Brownfield Assessment Grant to establish the Richmond Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund (RBRLF), which was transferred to the City to administer after the dissolution of the RCRA.

In May 2019, the City Council authorized execution of a contract to provide a \$269,792 RBRLF award to Community Housing Development Corporation of North Richmond (CHDC) for the completion of the remediation of four contaminated sites in North Richmond. A contract was executed for this work and will expire on December 31, 2024. The remediation work began in 2021 and was recently completed. Staff are requesting that the Council appropriate the remaining grant funds into the Housing Budget so that the reimbursement of the recently completed work can be provided to CHDC.

There will be no impact to the City's General Fund since the RBRLF is grant funded.

SYNERGISTIC POLICIES:

This Council action supports the following policies adopted in the General Plan:

Policy HW9.2 Toxic and Contaminated Sites

Continue to work with the appropriate local, state, and federal agencies to promote the clean-up and reuse of contaminated sites to protect human and environmental health.

Action HW9.J Site Remediation

Require property owners to comply with and pay for state and federal requirements for site remediation as a condition for approving redevelopment on contaminated sites. In collaboration with other government agencies, utilize the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) Cortese List to prioritize the remediation of city and non-city-owned property to protect human and environmental health. Seek state and federal funds to implement the necessary level of clean-up.

These grant funds were used to clean up contaminated sites within the City to allow for their safe redevelopment.

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

Attachment 1 – Original Contract and Amendments with CHDC