

RESOLUTION NO. 25-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATION(S) FOR ANY AND ALL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) GRANTS FOR WHICH THE CITY OF RICHMOND IS ELIGIBLE AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY AGREEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 provides the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with \$3 billion to fund zero-emission port equipment and infrastructure as well as climate and air quality planning at U.S. ports; and

WHEREAS, this new funding program will build on EPA's Ports Initiative that helps our nation's ports, a critical part of our infrastructure and supply chain, address public health and environmental impacts on surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2024, the EPA announced two separate Notices of Funding Opportunities (NOFO) to disburse the allocated \$3 billion funds - the Zero-Emission Technology Deployment Competition AND the Climate and Air Quality Planning Competition. The two NOFOs will be used to fund approximately \$2.8 billion in zero-emission technology deployment at ports, as well as approximately \$150 million for climate and air quality planning; and

WHEREAS, Both NOFOs are open now, until the application deadline at 11:59 PM on May 28, 2024. EPA anticipates notifying selectees by September 2024 and awarding the grants by December 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond ("City") has a Grant Management Policy for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 established by the Finance Department (the "Policy"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4(c) of the Policy, some grants may require City Council approval before the grant application is submitted; and

WHEREAS, City staff is in the process of consideration of, and preparation for, a grant application(s) to the EPA for the Zero-Emission Technology Deployment Competition. The purpose of the grant is to fund zero-emission port equipment and infrastructure to reduce mobile source emissions (criteria pollutants, air toxics, and/or greenhouse gases) at U.S. ports, delivering cleaner air for communities, like Richmond across the country.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Richmond authorizes the submittal of application(s) to the EPA for all grants for which the applicant is eligible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager or their designee is hereby authorized as Signature Authority and empowered to execute and amend as needed in the name of the City of Richmond all grant documents, including but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, and requests for payment, necessary to secure grant funds, implement the approved grant project and close-out the grant(s); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED if awarded the grant it can be accepted and appropriated accordingly into the City's budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these authorizations are effective for City of Richmond Fiscal Years' 2023-2024 through 2028-2029.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held April 16, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bana, McLaughlin, Willis, Zepeda, Vice Mayor Jimenez, and Mayor Martinez.
NOES: None.
ABSTENTIONS: None.
ABSENT: Councilmember Robinson.

PAMELA CHRISTIAN
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND
(SEAL)

Approved:

EDUARDO MARTINEZ
Mayor

Approved as to form:

DAVE ALESHIRE
City Attorney

State of California }
County of Contra Costa } : ss.
City of Richmond }

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of **Resolution No. 25-24**, finally passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on April 16, 2024.



Pamela Christian, Clerk of the City of Richmond