



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

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Agenda Number:

Submitted on:
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Department Name: Planning &
Development
Department No.: 053
For Agenda Of: April 5, 2022
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Lisa Plowman, Director, Planning and Development
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SUBJECT: Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund - Grant Contracts with the The Natural
History Museum in Santa Maria and Channelkeepers, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th Districts

County Counsel Concurrence:

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence:

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the attached Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund contract with The Natural History Museum in Santa Maria, in the amount of \$37,349, to upgrade the Museum's existing coastal exhibits, for the period of April 5, 2022 to February 15, 2023, Second District (Attachment A).
- b. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the attached Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund contract with Channelkeeper, in the amount of \$5,000, towards a one-year pilot program for a new component of its existing "Watershed Brigade" project, for the period of April 5, 2022 to July 15, 2022, First, Second & Third Districts (Attachment B).
- c. Approve and authorize the Director of Planning and Development, or designee, to take the following actions for the attached Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund Contracts:
 - i. Extend performance in accordance with Section 3 for up to, and not to exceed a period of one year, for good cause;

- ii. Approve project changes in accordance with Section 5, including changes to project descriptions, reduction in the overall project budgets or change in budget items of 10 percent or more; and
 - iii. Terminate the contract in accordance with Section 4 and Section 15 (Section 14 for Contract in Attachment B) for failure to provide matching funds/in-kind services.
- d. Determine that the allocation of the Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund grant is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5) of the State Guidelines for the implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act.

Summary Text:

Recommended Action “a.” Attachment A contains a contract with The Natural History Museum in Santa Maria, providing the Museum with a \$37,349 Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund grant to upgrade and add to three existing coastal exhibits. Improvements include educational information, fun interactive exhibits and artistic features for visitors to learn about steelhead trout and the Channel Islands. The total cost of the project is approximately \$63,000, and the Museum has secured \$26,150 in additional monies from various sources listed in Exhibit A of the contract.

The contract includes several provisions that allow for future minor administrative tasks to be handled by the Director of Planning & Development or designee (outlined in Recommended Action “c”).

Recommended Action “b.” Attachment B contains a contract with Channelkeepers, providing Channelkeepers with a \$5,000 Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund grant to help fund a one-year pilot program for a new component of its existing “Watershed Brigade” project. The pilot-program started on June 1, 2021 and is specifically focusing on reducing trash pollution entering south coast watersheds from abandoned homeless encampments and other large dumpsites present throughout the local watersheds. The total cost of the project is \$55,000, and Channelkeepers has secured \$50,000 in additional monies from the Southern California Edison Company.

The contract includes several provisions that allow for future minor administrative tasks to be handled by the Director of Planning & Development or designee (outlined in Recommended Action “c”).

Recommended Action “d.” Executing Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund contracts does not meet the definition of a “project” pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5). This section exempts government administrative activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Background:

At the May 11, 2021 Board of Supervisors hearing, the Board of Supervisors awarded eight grants from the combined 2020-2021 Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund cycle and directed staff to return to the Board with the contractual agreements. The contract in Attachment A executes the 2020-2021 Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund award with The Natural History Museum described above. The contract in Attachment B executes the 2020-2021 Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund award with Channelkeeper described above.

The County established the Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund to mitigate the environmental impacts of offshore oil and gas development and transportation projects. Mitigation is provided through the Fund for impacts to four categories of coastal resources: recreation, tourism, aesthetics, and environmentally sensitive resources. The County must ensure that Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund fees are used to mitigate those impacts, according to conditions of approval on projects and the Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund Guidelines.

Fiscal Analysis:

Federal Fees					
Coastal Grants (2)			\$		42,349.00
Total	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 42,349.00

Budgeted: Yes

Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund awards are funded by mitigation fees paid annually by developers of offshore oil and gas reserves.

Attachment A’s contract with The Natural History Museum does not involve County property or ongoing costs. Attachment B’s contract with Channelkeeper may involve cleaning up abandoned homeless encampment trash on County property, depending on which areas are targeted in this pilot program.

The Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund creates no fiscal impact on the County general fund budget. The Fund is funded by mitigation fees paid annually by developers of offshore oil and gas reserves. Funding for the Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund is budgeted in the Planning & Development Department’s Coastal Mitigation Budget Program on page D-301 of the County of Santa Barbara Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22 adopted budget, and is fully supported by funds in the Fund. Administration of the Fund includes preparation of the annual status report; solicitation and evaluation of grant proposals and recommendation of grant awards to the Board of Supervisors; preparation, monitor and enforcement of grant contracts; preparation and monitor of the Fund’s budget; and reassessment of Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund fees.

Key Contract Risks:

Risk analyses of the contracts in Attachments A and B determined that they would be a low risk: the contract amounts are \$100,000 or less; the performance periods are less than two years; the complexities of the contracts requirements are low; and the contracts are not controversial.

Special Instructions:

Clerk of the Board will forward copies of the contracts (including Exhibits A and B of the contracts) to Errin Briggs of the Planning and Development Department, Energy, Minerals & Compliance Division, who will mail copies of the contracts to the grantees and request the Auditor Controller to pay the contract awards.

Attachments:

- A: Contract with The Natural History Museum
- B: Contract with Channelkeeper

Attachment A

Contract with the Natural History Museum

Attachment B

Contract with Channelkeeper