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To: Mr. Steven Lederer, Director of Public Works;
Agency Manager, Upper Valley Waste Management

From: Mark T. Prestwich, City Manager

Subject: Upper Valley Waste Management Agency Programs: Notice of Funding
Availability-Grant Application

Date: March 23, 2020

CC: John Sorensen, Fire Chief
Amanda Griffis, Environmental Resources Specialist, Napa County Public
Works

The City of St. Helena respectfully submits an application for grant funding for the following items to improve waste management and improve efficiencies for the City of St. Helena.

Description and Scope of proposed project:

The Money Way Waste/Recycling Consolidation Project is proposed to replace more than 100 existing waste and recycling carts with three consolidated enclosures accommodating three larger rolling bins per enclosure for food, recycling, and waste. City staff met with Upper Valley Waste Management General Manager Doug Speicher and preliminarily identified three possible enclosure locations.

Purpose:

The purpose of this project includes:

- Substantially reducing the number of bins, thereby improving the aesthetics of the corridor.
- Improving the efficiency of trash and recycling pick up
- Reducing emissions
- Reducing potential for fire (metal bins are a more effective option for fire prevention, especially when they are in a non-combustible enclosure)
- Implementing the requirements of SB 1383 (Lara) to improve organic food waste recovery
- Covering waste bins to help the City of St. Helena comply with its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, while also reducing the possibility of rodents and insects.



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Current status of receptacles on Money Way:

Total Blue Bins = 56

Total Brown Bins = 29

Total Small Brown Bins = 6

Total Food Only Bins = 7

Total Blue (Small) Dumpster = 1

Total Brown (Small) Dumpsters = 4

Total White (Small) Dumpsters = 4

Total Bins = 98

Total Small Dumpsters = 9

Total number of receptacles on Money Way = **107**

Presently, Money Way receptacles are serviced two to three times a week in early morning, and there is no set pickup schedule.

A similar project was recently implemented in Calistoga that provides several lessons learned related to logistics, cost, and customer communication. As with the consolidation project in Calistoga, it is not anticipated the project would result in billing changes to customers.

Due to the developing COVID-19 emergency, the City has not initiated contact with Money Way customers to advise them of the potential consolidation and grant opportunity at this time. Significant public outreach with businesses will be required for prior to implementation of the proposed project.

What would success look like?

For this project to be successful, the City would need to reach out to the customers and communicate the proposed change and the advantages of the waste/recycling consolidation and the positive impacts it would bring to that location.

Names, positions, and organizations involved in the project:

Erica Ahmann Smithies, Public Works Director and City Engineer

Martin Beltran, Public Works Management Analyst

Clayton Church, Public Works Operations Manager

Amount of funds requested and cost estimate supporting the request:

The City reached out to the City of Calistoga to obtain a cost for the trash enclosure built for their trash consolidation project. The project cost was approximately



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\$150,000. However, the City of St. Helena will evaluate other construction and/or screening options to reduce project costs.

The City respectfully requests \$120,000 of grant funds (as itemized below). Because the City currently maintains a credit of \$41,941 with Upper Valley Disposal & Recycling Waste, it is anticipated the City will be able to work collaboratively with Upper Valley and use this credit to update containers and implement other measures as part of this project. This is anticipated to substantially advance the City's compliance with the new organic waste requirements associated with SB 1383.

- \$10,000 for bins (\$1,100 per bin, for a total of nine bins)
- \$110,000 toward waste/recycling enclosures

Project schedule and location

The attached map shows the preliminary location of the proposed three consolidated enclosures. The City endeavors to initiate the customer outreach and complete the project in FY 20/21.



Picture of current trash receptacles on Money Way

MONEY WAY ENHANCEMENTS

 **Opportunity to consolidate trash** (possible locations)

 Opportunity for planting, rear patio, & bike parking

- Underground overhead utilities
- Enhance pedestrian crossing

