



# City of Huntington Beach

**File #:** 23-318

**MEETING DATE:** 5/2/2023

## REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

**SUBMITTED TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

**SUBMITTED BY:** Al Zelinka, City Manager

**VIA:** Chau Vu, Acting Director of Public Works

**PREPARED BY:** Jim Merid, Environmental Services Manager

**Subject:**

**Adopt Resolution No. 2023-18 authorizing an Application for Funds for the Environmental Cleanup, Tier 1 Grant Program under the Orange County Transportation Authority Environmental Cleanup Program**

**Statement of Issue:**

Each year, the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) offers funding opportunities aimed at reducing transportation-generated pollution that can impact local waterways like Huntington Harbour, Bolsa Chica Wetlands and the Pacific Ocean. This Council action requests authorization to apply for funds under the OCTA Measure M2 Environmental Cleanup Program, Tier 1 to purchase and install a Trash Trap unit manufactured by StormTrap to retrofit the Hamilton storm water pump station.

**Financial Impact:**

The City is requesting up to \$500,000 from OCTA to fund the purchase and installation of a Trash Trap unit at the Hamilton storm water pump station. The City will be responsible for 20% in local matching funds to be provided as a cash contribution. Should the City be awarded the grant from OCTA, staff will return to the City Council at a future meeting with a request for appropriation of matching funds from the Planned Local Drainage Fund (Fund 211).

**Recommended Action:**

Adopt Resolution No. 2023-18, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Authorizing an Application for Funds for the Environmental Cleanup, Tier 1 Grant Program Under Orange County Transportation Ordinance No. 3 for the Huntington Beach Trash Removal Project, Phase 3."

**Alternative Action(s):**

Do not adopt the Resolution and direct staff accordingly.

**Analysis:**

The OCTA Measure M2 Environmental Cleanup Program (ECP), Tier 1 is designed to mitigate the more visible forms of pollution, such as litter and debris that collect on the roadways and in the catch basins prior to being deposited in waterways and the ocean. The program enables eligible jurisdictions to purchase and install structural best management practices such as screens, filters, and other “street scale” low flow diversion devices. Approximately \$3 million is available during this call for projects, and these funds are meant to supplement existing water quality programs.

In an effort to comply with adopted State Trash Provisions to limit trash and debris greater than 5 mm from entering water bodies, the City is requesting to apply for grant funding up to \$500,000 from OCTA to retrofit the Hamilton storm water pump station with a Trash Trap. This device is designed to separate trash and debris, sediment and oil from urban runoff and storm water. The installation of a Trash Trap unit will enable the City to reduce the amount of trash and debris reaching local recreational water bodies as well as comply with the requirements in the Trash Provisions. The location of the unit will be at the Hamilton storm water pump station located at 10101 Hamilton Avenue.

**Environmental Status:**

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment do not constitute a project.

**Strategic Plan Goal:**

Infrastructure & Parks

**Attachment(s):**

1. Resolution No. 2023-18, “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Authorizing an Application for Funds for the Environmental Cleanup, Tier 1 Grant Program Under Orange County Transportation Ordinance No. 3 for the Huntington Beach Trash Removal Project, Phase 2”;
2. PowerPoint presentation regarding Resolution No. 2023-18.