



**SAN BENITO COUNTY
AGENDA ITEM
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Item Number: 1.15

MEETING DATE: 11/12/2024

DEPARTMENT: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Celina Stotler

DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR: Steve Loupe

SUBJECT:

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY - S. LOUPE, PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATOR

Adopt a Memorandum of Understanding between the County of San Benito and the Community Food Bank of San Benito for use of \$99,840.00 in state grant funding awarded to the County of San Benito for use by the Food Bank to hire a full-time Food Resource Manager for edible food recovery programming. SBC FILE NUMBER: 142

AGENDA SECTION:

CONSENT AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Awarded (OWR4)

The Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) has been tasked with administering a grant program meant to provide aid to local jurisdictions to assist in the implementation of regulations associated with Senate Bill (SB) 1383. Integrated Waste Management staff submitted a grant application on November of 2023 for CalRecycle SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant funding (Cycle OWR4) and was awarded \$269,157 in funding to support edible food recovery programming and personnel costs, and education and outreach costs related to edible food recovery, composting, and organics recycling. Of the total funding, \$98,840 was budgeted to fund a Food Resource Manager at the Community Food Bank of San Benito during the grant term through April 1, 2026.

Food Resource Manager

The Food Resource Manager (FRM) will lead county-wide outreach to commercial edible food generators and food producers to ultimately increase food recovery and reduce food disposed at the John Smith Road Landfill. The FRM will establish and train on food recovery procedures, manage

recovery operations, and provide outreach for edible food recovery program success. Overall, the Food Resource Manager will oversee day-to-day operations of the Food Bank's edible food recovery program. This position is intended to help the Food Bank with the increasing amount of food donations anticipated under SB 1383, as well as various SB 1383 requirements such as overseeing contracts with Tier 1 and Tier 2 commercial edible food generators, record keeping, and reporting to the County. This position will further cultivate county-wide contacts and establish relationships with local, regional, and national food industry partners. An agreement between the Food Bank and the County of San Benito is needed to set terms for reporting to the County and reimbursement to the Food Bank.

California's Short Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Strategy (SB 1383)

In September 2016, Governor Brown signed into law SB 1383 establishing methane emissions reduction targets. Methane emissions result from the decomposition of organic waste in landfills and are a source of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. SB 1383 directs CalRecycle to adopt regulations and requirements to achieve state-wide goals including a goal to reduce organic waste disposal at landfills by 75 percent by the year 2025; and requires that not less than 20% of edible food that is currently disposed of be recovered for human consumption by 2025. CalRecycle oversees a variety of programs and policy initiatives to reduce the amount of solid waste sent to landfills and to promote recycling within the State, including organic waste recycling under SB 1383 requirements.

To meet the state-wide goals of SB 1383 and its January 1, 2022 compliance implementation deadline, CalRecycle has established numerous organic waste disposal program requirements impacting municipal jurisdictions, food recovery organizations, and generators of edible food, including the requirement to establish an edible food recovery program that recovers edible food from the waste stream.

RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

No

CONTRACT NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

Yes

RFP AND BID HISTORY:

N/A

LAST CONTRACT AMOUNT OR N/A:

N/A

CONTRACT HISTORY (Describe all amendments and previous contracts):

Community Food Bank of San Benito

The Community Food Bank of San Benito is a non-profit organization that collects and distributes food to individuals in need and to non-profit organizations in San Benito County, distributing over 1,000,000 pound of food each year, most of which would otherwise be thrown away. The food distributed comes from local grocery and retail stores, like Safeway, Nob Hill, Lucky, and Target, from local growers like Phil Foster, Coke Farm, Heirloom Organics, and Shingai Farms, and local community members. The Food Bank also partners with food banks in Monterey, Santa Cruz and Santa Clara counties, who collect and redistribute surplus produce from across the Salinas Valley and central coast. The Community Food Bank of San Benito supported Integrated Waste Management staff in the SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant OWR4 application.

San Benito County Integrated Waste Management Regional Agency

Per the Joint Power Integrated Waste Management Agreement signed in 1995 between the County of San Benito, the City of Hollister, and the City of San Juan Bautista, the County is the Lead Agency of the Regional Agency and staffs/manages the Integrated Waste Management programs to meet waste and recycling state mandates and reporting requirements for the Regional Agency members.

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 1. Operational Development & Excellence

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 2. Planning And Sustainable Growth

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 3. Technology

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 4. Community Engagement

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 5. Health & Safe Community

Yes

BUDGETED:

Yes

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NEEDED:

No

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Non-general Fund

UNFUNDED MANDATE:

No

SBC BUDGET LINE ITEM NUMBER:

226.75.3840.1000.

CURRENT FY COST:

\$49,920.00

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff respectfully recommends that the Board: Adopt a Memorandum of Understanding between the County of San Benito and the Community Food Bank of San Benito for use of \$99,840.00 in state grant funding awarded to the County of San Benito for use by the Food Bank to hire a full-time Food Resource Manager for edible food recovery programming.

ATTACHMENTS:

[MOU Community Food Bank of San Benito](#)

[BOS Signed Grant Resolution No. 2022-11](#)