



STAFF REPORT
8/26/2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Celina Jimenez, Director of Economic Development

PREPARED BY: Mary Rodriguez, Grants Manager

SUBJECT: Resolution No. 2026-50 Approving the Application for Climate Bond Grant Funds for the Urban Greening Program – Avenue 50 Urban Greening and Connectivity Project

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2026-50 authorizing the submission of an application for Climate Bond Grant funds through the California Natural Resources Agency Urban Greening Program for the Avenue 50 Urban Greening and Connectivity Project. The proposed project requests \$4,638,451 toward a total project cost of \$6,029,986 and leverages approximately \$10 million from the Strategic Growth Council Community Resilience Center project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This grant program does not require a match. The City is requesting \$4,638,451 in Urban Greening Grant funds. The project will leverage \$10 million in Strategic Growth Council funding from the Community Resilience Center to complement the project. If awarded, the City will administer the grant in accordance with California Natural Resources Agency requirements and provide any required operations and maintenance funding.

BACKGROUND:

The 2026 Urban Greening Program provides the voter-approved Climate Bond (Proposition 4) funding for projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, expand urban tree canopy, improve climate resilience, reduce extreme heat impacts, improve stormwater management, and provide safe active transportation improvements. The City's proposed project concept focuses on Avenue 50 and Peter Rabbit Lane, creating a connected green corridor that links the Community Resilience Center, CV Link, and the planned passenger rail station area.

Approximately \$100 million is available for urban greening projects, with \$46 million being available in the first round. The Agency anticipates two funding cycles. The minimum award is

\$200,000, and the maximum grant amounts for \$5,000,000 for this program. Match funds are not required for this program. However, projects that leverage other sources of funds may be more competitive.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

The Avenue 50 Urban Greening and Connectivity Project includes drought-tolerant trees and landscaping, bioswales, sidewalks, bicycle lanes, pedestrian crossings, and other green infrastructure along approximately one mile of Avenue 50. The project is intended to reduce the urban heat island effect, improve air quality, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, provide safer walking and bicycling routes, improve stormwater capture, and increase climate resilience. The project primarily serves disadvantaged neighborhoods identified through CalEnviroScreen 4.0/5.0, the Healthy Places Index, SB 535, and Tree Equity Score analyses. The proposal also includes workforce development through the Southern California Mountains Foundation Urban Youth Conservation Corps.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Resolution No. 2026-50