



City of Grass Valley
City Council
Agenda Action Sheet

Title: Authorize travel for the Community Development Director to attend the National Brownfields Training Conference.

Recommendation: That Council approve travel and related expenses for Community Development Director to attend the National Brownfields Training Conference.

Prepared by: Thomas Last, Community Development Director

Council Meeting Date: 04/26/2022

Date Prepared: 04/20/2022

Agenda: Consent

Background Information: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) provides national conferences every other year to provide training for recipients of Brownfield grants and other professionals involved with the assessment, remediation, and redevelopment of Brownfield sites. This year the Conference will be held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma between August 16th-19th. The City's current Brownfield grant includes budgeted funds for staff training, this includes attendance to the national conference. The City's travel policy requires Council approval for this travel. The involvement with the Brownfield conference provides the opportunity to learn about new trends in redeveloping Brownfield sites, visit properties that have completed site remediation and redeveloped into productive land uses, and access new funding sources for cleanup, including sessions on funding tied to the new bipartisan infrastructure bill. Additionally, the conference includes sessions specifically designed for smaller communities.

Council Goals/Objectives: This item executes portions of work tasks towards achieving/maintaining Strategic Plan - Community Leadership, and High-Performance Government and Quality Service.

Fiscal Impact: The City's 2017 EPA Brownfield Grant includes sufficient funds to cover the hotel, airfare, meals, and the conference registration. The anticipated cost is \$1,700.

Funds Available: Yes

Account #: 205-301-54112

Reviewed by: ___ City Manager

Attachments: None