



## City of Grass Valley City Council Agenda Action Sheet

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**Title:** Approval of a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) to complete consultant services for the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) 2022 Community Wide Brownfield Assessment Grant.

**Recommendation:** That Council: 1) Approves the attached PSA Agreement with Geocon Consultants to complete consultant services for the 2022 EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant; 2) Authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement subject to legal review; and 3) Approve and authorize the Administrative Services Director to make any necessary budget amendments and/or transfers to complete this transaction or associated with the Grant.

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**Prepared by:** Thomas Last, Community Development Director

**Council Meeting Date:** 11/22/2022

**Date Prepared:** 11/16/2022

**Agenda:** Administrative

**Background Information:** In November 2021, the City applied for another EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant, which was awarded in June 2022. This award represents that fifth EPA Assessment Grant received by the City since 2009. The purpose of these grants was, and are, to conduct assessments of contaminated mine-scarred lands and those lands with other contamination (leaking underground tanks or other petroleum-based contamination). The past grants have been used to clear land (determine there is no contamination that impacts development) for redevelopment, or to develop remediation plans to address the needed cleanup of sites.

The current grant is for \$500,000 and became effective in October 2022. On October 3, 2022, the City released Request for Proposals to complete the environmental professional services. The City received three proposals, which were then reviewed and scored by two City staff members, two staff members from Nevada County Health Department, and one member from the state Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC). Based upon the scores by the five individuals, one firm clearly ranked number one, so it was determined that interviews were not needed. Staff recommends the Council approve the attached contract with Geocon Consultants for \$300,000. The remaining grant funds will be used to provide oversight review and approval of cleanup plans by DTSC (\$150,000) and for staff administration (\$50,000).

**Council Goals/Objectives:** This grant fulfills multiple goals and policies in the City's Strategic Plan tied to improving the quality of life and economic development.

**Fiscal Impact:** None, City staff time and all services are covered by the grant.

**Funds Available:** Grant Funding

**Account #:** TBD

**Reviewed by:** \_\_\_\_ City Manager                      \_\_\_\_ Finance Director

**Attachments:**    PSA with Geocon Consultants