



AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY

Meeting Date: March 28, 2023

Subject Resolution 2023-___: Authorizing the City Manager to 1) Accept the SVCE Decarbonization Grant Program Agreement for the design, procurement, and construction of the Energization Station Project (CF-XXX), 2) Appropriate the grant funds of \$200,684 to the CIP Project Funds (CF-XXX), and 3) Transfer \$8,500 from Sustainability Operating Budget (5330-5270) to the CIP Project Funds (CF-XXX)

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Reviewed by: Aida Fairman, Director of Environmental Services & Utilities Department

Approved by: Gabriel Engeland, City Manager

Attachments:

- A. Resolution 2023-___
- B. Grant Agreement and Application

Initiated by:

City Staff

Previous Council Consideration:

NA

Fiscal Impact:

The grant will increase available funds by \$200,684 for the design, procurement, and installation of the Energization Station to be constructed by December 31, 2024. The Energization Station will provide a combination of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (EVCS), energy generating workout equipment, a solar charging table, and an outdoor learning lab with educational signage. The project proposes to utilize City Sustainability Operating Budget to fund the civil design and educational signage. Personnel for the civil design is estimated to cost \$7,000, and educational signage is estimated at \$1,500 for three signs. Once electrical requirements are determined, we anticipate that PG&E Rule 29 funding will be attainable if upgrades are required.

Reviewed By:

City Manager

City Attorney

Finance Director

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The SVCE grant will fund the remainder of the project; see the breakdown of funds to be used below:

- City Funds
 - o \$8,500 Sustainability Operating Budget (5330-5270)
- Other Funds
 - o \$200,684 SVCE Decarbonization Demonstration Grant (CF-XXX)
 - o \$15,000 PG&E Rule 29 Funding (if needed)
- Amount already included in the approved budget: N
- Amount above budget requested: \$200,684

Environmental Review:

The Council’s action in authorizing the City Manager to accept the SVCE grant funds is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) in that the demonstration project and charging stations to be constructed with the grant funds will be minor facilities or structures, and none of the circumstances identified in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply.

Policy Question(s) for Council Consideration:

- Does the City Council wish to accept the Decarbonization Demonstration Grant from SVCE for the design, procurement, and construction of the Energization Station?

Summary:

- In November 2022, Silicon Valley Clean Energy invited local jurisdictions to submit applications for a Decarbonization Demonstration Grant to fund projects showcasing building electrification or an electrification demonstration center.
- The City submitted a grant application for the design, procurement, and construction of an electrification demonstration center called the “Energization Station” to be installed in front of the Los Altos Youth Center (LAYC) or at the Los Altos Community Center premises.



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- The proposed outdoor Energization Station will include energy-generating workout equipment, public electric vehicle charging stations eventually to be also used for fleet vehicles, a solar-powered charging station, educational signage, and a learning lab area. The proposed exhibit will provide outdoor space for people to exercise, charge their vehicle or device, study, work, or relax outside; however, the area will also be available to rent for an educational tour.
 - SVCE provided an agreement to award the requested \$200,684 to the City for the proposed “Energization Station.” City attorneys have reviewed the agreement and updated the agreement to be authorized following council adoption.

Staff Recommendation:

Adopt Resolution 2023-___ authorizing the City Manager to 1) Accept the SVCE Decarbonization Grant Program Agreement for the design, procurement, and construction of the Energization Station Project (CF-XXX), 2) Appropriate the grant funds of \$200,684 to the CIP Project Funds (CF-XXX), and 3) Transfer \$8,500 from Sustainability Operating Budget (5330-5270) to the CIP Project Funds (CF-XXX)