



City of Needles, California Request for City Council Action

CITY COUNCIL NPUA HACN

Regular Special

Meeting Date: April 28, 2026

Title: Ratify the City Manager's execution of the Restricted Grant Agreement (RG) and Adjust the Adopted FY26 Budget for the Clean California Community Cleanup & Employment Pathway (CCEP) Grant Program award in the amount of \$169,355

Background: Caltrans has officially announced \$25 million in Clean California Community Cleanup & Employment Pathway (CCEP) grants to 90 local projects statewide, with 100% of funding directed to under-resourced communities. The City of Needles is included among the awardees for our "Revive the Desert – Illegal Dumping Cleanup & Community Stewardship" project in the amount of \$169,355.

Administered by the California Department of Transportation under Governor Gavin Newsom's Clean California initiative, CCEP goes beyond traditional cleanup grants. The program combines litter and graffiti abatement with structured workforce partnerships to provide paid job training and transitional employment opportunities. It specifically supports individuals experiencing homelessness, justice-impacted individuals, and at-risk youth — creating pathways to long-term employment while improving public spaces.

Since launching in 2021, Clean California has removed millions of cubic yards of litter, hosted hundreds of free dump days, mobilized thousands of volunteers, and created more than 18,000 jobs statewide. The program is designed to deliver both environmental improvement and economic opportunity.

Needles' inclusion in this competitive round reflects our continued ability to secure state investment aligned with our beautification, stewardship, and workforce goals.

The grant funds authorize two temporary MCWI positions, staff reimbursement, and materials/equipment to clean up over a dozen illegal dumping sites throughout the City of Needles. There is no match on this grant.

Fiscal Impact: \$169,355 in grant funds for the Public Works Department to complete illegal dumping clean-up, no cost to the City.

Environmental Impact: N/A

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Date: 4/24/2026

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Date: 04/24/2026