



City of Needles, California Request for City Council Action

CITY COUNCIL NPUA HACN

Regular Special

Meeting Date: April 14, 2026

Title: Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Restricted Grant Agreement (RGA) with Caltrans and Adjust the Adopted FY 2025–2026 Budget for the Clean California Community Cleanup & Employment Pathway (CCEP) Grant Program award in the amount of \$169,355

Background: Caltrans has awarded the City of Needles \$169,355 through the Clean California Community Cleanup & Employment Pathway (CCEP) Grant Program for the City’s “Revive the Desert – Illegal Dumping Cleanup & Community Stewardship” project.

The CCEP program, established under California Streets and Highways Code Section 91.41, supports litter abatement, public space beautification, and workforce development opportunities for individuals facing barriers to employment, including those experiencing homelessness, justice-impacted individuals, and at-risk youth.

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’ selection in this competitive program reflects the City’s continued ability to secure state investment aligned with its beautification, stewardship, and workforce goals.

The grant will fund two temporary Maintenance Construction Worker positions, along with staff support, equipment, and disposal services to complete cleanup operations. The project will address approximately 25 illegal dumping sites throughout the City of Needles. The grant performance period will begin upon Caltrans approval and issuance of a Notice to Proceed and will run through November 1, 2027.

Acceptance of the grant requires execution of the Restricted Grant Agreement (RGA) and a corresponding budget adjustment to appropriate the awarded funds.

Fiscal Impact: \$169,355 in grant funding for illegal dumping cleanup and associated project costs. No local match is required and there is no impact to the General Fund.

Environmental Impact: The project will improve environmental conditions by removing hazardous waste and debris and promoting responsible disposal practices.

Recommended Action: Authorize the City Manager to execute the Restricted Grant Agreement (RGA) and adjust the adopted FY 2025–2026 Budget for the Clean California Community Cleanup & Employment Pathway (CCEP) Grant Program award in the amount of \$169,355

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Date: 4/9/2026

Other Department Approval (when required): Mark C. DeMay

Date: 4/10/26