

Agenda Statement



Meeting Date: April 21, 2026
To: City Council
Through: Jackie C. Wilde, City Manager
From: Shelby Carlson, Assistant City Manager

Agenda Item: Accepting the \$800,000 EPA Brownfields Multipurpose Grant and Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with NORTECH, Inc to Provide Qualified Environmental Professional and Project Management Services

BACKGROUND, JUSTIFICATION, & INTENT:

The City of Whittier was awarded an \$800,000 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Multipurpose Cooperative Agreement to support environmental assessment, cleanup planning, and remediation activities for the Buckner Building and other priority sites.

To implement this program, the City issued a Request for Proposals on February 25, 2026, seeking a Qualified Environmental Professional and Project Manager to support technical, regulatory, and programmatic requirements of the grant. Five proposals were received and evaluated by a scoring committee in accordance with the criteria set forth in the solicitation.

NORTECH, Inc. was determined to be the highest-ranked and most qualified proposer. The proposed contract will support execution of the EPA-approved work plan, including site assessments, cleanup planning, regulatory coordination, and related program activities.

Approval of this resolution authorizes the City Manager to enter into a contract with NORTECH, Inc. to advance implementation of the Brownfields Program.

CONSISTENCY CHECKLIST:

	Yes	No	N/A
1. Legislative Priorities: <i>Federal Priority #1, Buckner Building Environmental Remediation</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Comprehensive Plan: <i>2.1.3.2, Clean up City-owned land</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Whittier Code: <i>Chapter 3.32, Article III – Methods of Source Selection</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Other: <i>EPA Brownfields Multipurpose Grant Workplan, 2023-2028</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

FISCAL NOTE: Funding for this contract is provided through the City’s EPA Brownfields Multipurpose Cooperative Agreement. The total grant award is \$800,000, with no required local match. No additional appropriation is required at this time.

ATTORNEY REVIEW: Yes No Not Applicable

RECOMMENDATION: Administration recommends approval of Resolution 2026-022.