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June 3, 2026

BPW-2026-0282

The Honorable City Council
Room No. 395
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The Honorable Mayor Bass
City Hall – Room 320
Los Angeles, CA 90012

REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY – CLEAN CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY CLEANUP AND EMPLOYMENT PATHWAY GRANT PROGRAM PROJECTS

As recommended in the accompanying report from the Executive Offices of the Board of Public Works, which this Board has adopted, the Board of Public Works (Board) recommends that the City Council and Mayor:

1. AUTHORIZE a new \$1,108,001 loan from the Public Works Trust Fund (Fund 834/Dept.50) to front-fund and implement the Clean California Community Cleanup and Employment Pathway Grant Program projects;
2. FIND that the loan proceeds will be deposited into the City's General Fund No. 100 (Dept. 74), whose interest earned is retained by said fund and is also the same fund where interest earned in the Public Works Trust Fund No. 834 is transferred to on an interim basis;
3. APPROVE the waiver of interest assessment;
4. AUTHORIZE the Board of Public Works, Director of Accounting, to transfer \$1,108,001 from available funds within the Public Works Trust Fund (Fund 834/Dept. 50) to the General Fund (Fund 100, Dept. 74), Board of Public Works, and increase appropriation authority within the Contractual Services Account No. 003040;

5. AUTHORIZE the reimbursement of grant funds received from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to be deposited into the General Fund (Fund100/Dept.74/Revenue Source Code TBD) and subsequently transferred back to the Public Works Trust Fund (Fund 834/Dept.50) no later than one week after the deposit has been made until full repayment is made; and
6. AUTHORIZE the Board of Public Works, Executive Officer, or designee, to make any technical or accounting updates to the recommendations above to effectuate the intent of the Mayor and City Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "TJ Knight", written in a cursive style.

TJ KNIGHT,
Acting Executive Officer, Board of Public Works

TK:lc

Department of Public Works

Board of Public Works

Report No. 1

June 3, 2026

CD: 1, 5, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD
PUBLIC WORKS OF THE CITY
of Los Angeles California

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AND REFERRED TO THE MAYOR

E. N. [Signature]
Executive Officer
Board of Public Works

AND REFERRED TO THE CITY COUNCIL

AUTHORITY FOR A PUBLIC WORKS TRUST FUND LOAN TO PROVIDE FRONT FUNDING TO IMPLEMENT THE CLEAN CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY CLEANUP AND EMPLOYMENT PATHWAY GRANT PROGRAM PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board of Public Works (Board), subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Council:

1. AUTHORIZE a new \$1,108,001 loan from the Public Works Trust Fund (Fund 834/Dept. 50) to front-fund and implement the Clean California Community Cleanup and Employment Pathway Grant Program projects;
2. FIND that the loan proceeds will be deposited into the City's General Fund No. 100 (Dept. 74), which interest earned is retained by said fund and is also the same fund where interest earned in the Public Works Trust Fund No. 834 is transferred to on an interim basis;
3. APPROVE the waiver of interest assessment;
4. AUTHORIZE the Board of Public Works, Director of Accounting, to transfer \$1,108,001 from available funds within the Public Works Trust Fund (Fund 834/Dept. 50) to the General Fund (Fund 100, Dept. 74), Board of Public Works, and increase appropriation authority within the Contractual Services Account No. 003040;
5. AUTHORIZE the reimbursement of grant funds received from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to be deposited into the General Fund (Fund 100/Dept.74/Revenue Source Code TBD) and subsequently transfer back to the Public Works Trust Fund (Fund 834/Dept.50) no later than one week after the deposit has been made until full repayment is made;
6. AUTHORIZE the Board of Public Works, Executive Officer, or designee, to make any technical or accounting updates to the recommendations above to effectuate the intent of the Mayor and City Council.

TRANSMITTALS

1. Council Action File 26-0473

2. Board Motion dated April 13, 2026 to concur with the City Council Motion dated March 27, 2026

DISCUSSION

In February 2026, the City of Los Angeles, through the Department of Public Works, was awarded funding from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) under the Clean California Community Cleanup and Employment Pathway (CCEP) Grant Program. These funds support litter abatement, graffiti removal, and public right-of-way beautification efforts citywide.

The total grant award for these projects is \$1,108,001, with no required cash match. To strengthen the application's competitiveness, the City identified in-kind contributions to support implementation. The following Table A lists the five projects and grant amounts.

| Project Title | City Lead | Grant Amount | In-Kind Amount/Source |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------------|--|
| City of LA-Clean Streets Initiative - Westside/Venice | Bureau of Street Services | \$200,000 | \$50,000 - Staff Salaries (General Fund) |
| City of LA & Beautify LA | Bureau of Street Services | \$195,000 | \$15,000 - Staff Salaries (General Fund) |
| City of LA-Community Beautification Restore | Bureau of Street Services | \$213,000 | \$12,000 - Staff Salaries (General Fund) |
| Cleanup Initiative for the Greater Downtown LA Region | Bureau of Sanitation | \$300,000 | \$0 |
| City of LA -Clean Streets Initiative – South LA | Office of Community Beautification | \$200,001 | \$0 |
| TOTAL: | | \$1,108,001 | |

Pursuant to Council File 26-0473 (Transmittal 1), the Bureau of Street Services (BSS), Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN), and Office of Community Beautification (OCB) will each serve as the lead implementing bureau or office for their respective projects under the program. Each bureau and office is authorized to act as the lead signatory and primary authority for its assigned projects, including the negotiation, execution, and administration of grant agreements and related documents.

These projects align with the City's broader priorities to maintain clean, safe, and well-maintained public spaces while advancing community-focused service delivery.

As a condition of accepting the grant, the City is required to execute Restricted Grant Agreements with Caltrans. These agreements will govern the use of funds, project delivery requirements, and compliance with applicable State regulations.

The project must be completed no later than July 30, 2027. The grant will be disbursed on a reimbursement basis, requiring the City to front-fund eligible expenditures and submit documentation for reimbursement.

The Board motion to concur with the City Council recommendation was approved on April 15, 2026 (Transmittal 2) and the City Council motion to accept and execute the agreements was adopted on April 17, 2026.

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION

BSS, LASAN, and OCB will each be responsible for implementing and administering their respective projects under the CCEP, including the procurement and management of contractual services required to deliver project outcomes, including litter abatement, graffiti removal, and public space beautification.

Funding under this program is restricted to contractual services; therefore, no staffing allocations are included in this request. Each bureau and office will coordinate with one another, as appropriate, as well as with contractors and Caltrans, to ensure timely delivery of project milestones and compliance with all grant requirements, including reporting, invoicing, and audit provisions.

All expenditures will be processed through the BPW Contractual Services Account and will be reimbursed by the State upon submission and approval of eligible costs.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

There is no impact to the General Fund. The PWTF will provide the \$1,108,001 loan to front-fund the five projects associated with the CCEP. Loan repayment will be made as reimbursements are received from Caltrans.

As of April 30, 2026, loans in the PWTF had a total outstanding balance of approximately \$48,548,746.50 with a fund balance of approximately \$159,093,741.61. This equates to approximately a 30.52% outstanding loan-to-balance ratio. Approving this \$1,108,001.00 loan to the grant program would increase the PWTF outstanding loan-to-balance ratio to 31.21% with an estimated outstanding loan balance of \$49,656,747.50.

The BPW's outstanding loan-to-balance ratio target is at or below 25% but not to exceed 30%. However, the Board of Public Works reserves the right to change the maximum threshold at its discretion. The PWTF has been operating above the 30% outstanding loan-to-balance ratio since December 2022. Therefore, there is some minor risk inherent in this loan request and any

other loan requests at this time should a significant payment/outflow be demanded in FY 25/26 and FY 26/27. However, the PWTF has been able to maintain a working capital balance of approximately 25% of total deposits; thereby, ensuring that the PWTF has the working capital to allow for refunds to depositors and quarterly transfers to the City's General and Special Fund.

Funds will be disbursed and transferred from the PWTF No.834, Dept. 50 to the General Fund, Fund 100, Dept. 74, appropriation account 003040. Reimbursements are anticipated from Caltrans on a monthly basis.

Respectfully submitted



Paul Racs
Director, Office of Community Beautification
Board of Public Works

APPROVED:



TJ Knight
Assistant Executive Officer
Board of Public Works

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:



MIGUEL DE LA PENA, Director
Office of Accounting

Date: 5/20/2026

Report prepared by:

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Johnnath Deth, Management Analyst, Board of Public Works for PWTF inquiries

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OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

Council File No.: 26-0473

Council Meeting Date: April 17, 2026

Agenda Item No.: 14

Agenda Description: CONSIDERATION OF MOTION (PRICE - PARK) relative to grant funding awarded by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) under the Community Cleanup and Employment Pathway (CCEP) Grant Program, to provide litter and graffiti abatement in the City.

Council Action: MOTION (PRICE - PARK) - ADOPTED

Council Vote:

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|--------|-------------|--------|---------------|--------|-------------|
| ABSENT | Blumenfield | YES | Harris-Dawson | ABSENT | Hernandez |
| YES | Jurado | YES | Hutt | YES | Lee |
| YES | McOsker | YES | Nazarian | YES | Padilla |
| YES | Park | ABSENT | Price Jr. | YES | Raman |
| YES | Rodriguez | YES | Soto-Martínez | YES | Yaroslavsky |

PATRICE Y. LATTIMORE
CITY CLERK

Pursuant to Charter/Los Angeles Administrative Code Section(s): 14.7

FILE SENT TO MAYOR
LAST DAY FOR MAYOR TO ACT

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| 04-21-2026 |
| 05-01-2026 |

APPROVED

4/24/2026

DATE SIGNED

Adopted Report(s) Title
Motion (Price - Park) dated 3-27-26

Motion No. 1
April 13, 2026

Transmittal 2

MOTION

The Board of Public Works' Office of Community Beautification (OCB) collaborated with Council District 1 and community partner Center for Employment Opportunities, Inc. (CEO) to apply for a grant program funding opportunity. On December 23, 2025, Council District 1 submitted two applications to the California Department of Transportation for the Community Cleanup and Employment Pathway (CCEP) Grant Program. The CCEP program was established to beautify California's transportation network through art and litter cleanup projects in underserved, rural and urban communities throughout the state while creating career opportunities and jobs for veterans, students, artists, people experiencing homelessness, and those re-entering society from incarceration.

On February 20, 2026, Council District 1 was notified that both proposals had been selected by the State. Council District 1 will receive the following funding to establish clean teams in the respective areas:

- \$256,152 - Council District 1 - Chinatown
- \$274,155 - Council District 1 - Pico Union/Downtown

Council District 1 will expend no less than 50 percent of program funds by December 1, 2026, and 100 percent of program funds by no later than November 1, 2027. The OCB will need authority to accept the grant and deposit grant fund reimbursements from the State.

I THEREFORE CONCUR with the City Council INSTRUCTION to authorize the Director of the OCB, or designees, to act as the lead signatory and primary authority for the projects specified in the above table, and to negotiate, accept, execute, and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form, which may be necessary to secure the CCEP grant funds for the grant projects.

I FURTHER MOVE to CONCUR with the Council REQUEST to the Controller to establish the following two new accounts within the Board of Public Works Contractual Service Account Fund No. 100, Dept. 74, Acct No. 003040, to receive and disburse the CCEP funds from the available cash balance therein, entitled:

- CCEP Chinatown (\$256,152)
- CCEP Pico Union / Downtown (\$274,155)

I FURTHER CONCUR with Council AUTHORIZATION of the Board of Public Works to:
1) receive grant funds and reimburse the BPW Contractual Service Account Fund No.

Motion No. 1
April 13, 2026

100, Dept. 74, Acct No. 003040, for expenditures made directly from the BPW Contractual Service Account or other accounts or funds; and 2) to make technical adjustments as necessary and consistent with the Mayor and Council actions on this matter, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and request the Controller to implement these instructions.

Respectfully submitted,



Steve Kang
President, Board of Public Works



John Grant
President Pro-Tempore, Board of Public Works

Attachment: Council Motion Dated March 27

Through a collaboration with the Office of Community Beautification (OCB), Council District 1, and community partner Center for Employment Opportunities, Inc. ("CEO"), on December 23, 2025, Council District 1 submitted two applications for the Community Cleanup and Employment Pathway (CCEP) Grant Program to the California Department of Transportation. The CCEP program was established to beautify California's transportation network through art and litter cleanup projects in underserved, rural, and urban communities throughout the state, while creating career opportunities for veterans, students, artists, people experiencing homelessness, and those re-entering society from incarceration.

On February 20, 2026, Council District 1 was notified that both proposals had been selected by the State. Council District 1 will receive the following funding to establish clean teams in the respective areas:

- \$256,152 - Council District 1 – Chinatown
- \$274,155 - Council District 1 – Pico Union / Downtown

Council District 1 will expend no less than 50 percent of program funds by December 1, 2026, and 100 percent of program funds by no later than November 1, 2027. The OCB anticipates receiving State funds soon and will need authority to accept and deposit the grant prior to programming the funds.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council:

1. Authorize the Directors of the Office of Community Beautification, or their designees, to act as the lead signatory and primary authority for their respective projects as specified in the above table and to negotiate, accept, execute, and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests etc., subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form, which may be necessary to secure the CCEP grant funds for their respective projects.
2. Authorize the Controller to establish the following two new accounts within the Board of Public Works Contractual Service Account Fund No.100, Dept. 74, Acct No. 003040, from the available cash balance therein, entitled:
 - o "CCEP Chinatown" in the amount of \$256,152
 - o "CCEP Pico Union / Downtown" in the amount of \$274,155
3. Authorize the Board of Public Works to receive grant funds and reimburse the BPW Contractual Service Account Fund No.100 for expenditures made directly from the BPW Contractual Service Account;
4. Authorize the Board of Public Works to make technical adjustments as necessary and consistent with the Mayor and Council actions on this matter, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and request the Controller to implement these instructions.

PRESENTED BY:

EUNISSES HERNANDEZ
Councilmember, 1st District

SECONDED BY:

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