

CITY OF YUBA CITY
STAFF REPORT

Date: September 5, 2017

To: Honorable Mayor & Members of the City Council

From: Public Works Department

Presentation by: Diana Langley, Public Works Director

Summary

Subject: Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Application – Backup Generators at the Corporation Yard

Recommendation: Authorize the Public Works Director to submit an application for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program in the amount of \$150,000 for the installation of backup generators at the Corporation Yard.

Fiscal Impact: \$200,000 – The City’s share of cost is 25% or \$50,000, which is proposed to be allocated from Account No. 1028 (Improvements to Buildings and Grounds).

Purpose:

To provide backup power generation to the City’s Corporation Yard located at 1185 Market Street.

Background:

The City’s Corporation Yard is a critical facility for coordination and deployment of routine and emergency repair services. Divisions located at the Corporation Yard include Water Distribution, Sewer Collection, Street Maintenance, Facilities Maintenance, Fleet Maintenance, and Parks Maintenance. The current lack of backup power leaves the City vulnerable to emergency services interruptions in the event of an electrical power failure. Not only does it impact Public Works and Community Services functions, but it also has the potential to impact Police and Fire operations as the Fleet Maintenance Division provides maintenance support to Police and Fire vehicles.

As a result of the Presidential Disaster Declaration for the January and February storm events, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funds are available. The HMGP is utilized to fund mitigation activities that have the potential to reduce or eliminate future damages due to natural disasters. In California, these funds are administered by the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES).

In June, the City submitted a Notice of Interest for the HMGP for the installation of two backup generators at the Corporation Yard. One generator will service the main building and the other generator will service the Fleet Maintenance building. The generators will be designed to automatically turn on in the event of a power failure and will contain enough fuel to operate for up to 48 hours.

Analysis:

On July 28, the City was notified that Cal OES received the Notice of Interest and determined that the proposed project is an eligible HMGP activity. The next step in the process is to prepare an application for submittal to Cal OES by November 1. The City's grant consultant, Blais & Associates, is preparing the application.

If the City is successful in receiving HMGP funding, staff will bring a resolution to Council to authorize acceptance of the grant.

Fiscal Impact:

The project estimate is \$200,000. If the City receives the grant, the HMGP will cover 75%, \$150,000, of the cost, and the City would be required to match 25%, or \$50,000. Matching funds are budgeted in Account No. 1028 (Improvements to Buildings and Grounds), funded through a combination of Water, Wastewater, Road, and General Funds.

Alternatives:

1. Do not pursue HMGP funds for the installation of backup generators at the Corporation Yard and fund the project entirely with City funds.
2. Do not install backup generators at the Corporation Yard.

Recommendation:

Authorize the Public Works Director to submit an application for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program in the amount of \$150,000 for the installation of backup generators at the Corporation Yard.

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