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# CITY OF POMONA COUNCIL REPORT

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February 24, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Anita D. Scott, City Manager

Submitted by: Chris Diggs, Water Resources Director

**SUBJECT: ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO RECEIVE, APPROPRIATE, AND ALLOCATE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT GRANT FUNDS FOR THE MEMBER AGENCY ADMINISTERED INCENTIVE PROGRAMS AND THE COMMUNITY PARTNERING PROGRAM**

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-19 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FY 2024-25 WATER FUND BUDGET INCREASING REVENUE ESTIMATES AND APPROPRIATIONS BY A TOTAL OF \$63,000: \$60,000 FOR THE MEMBER AGENCY ADMINISTERED INCENTIVE PROGRAMS FOR THE RESIDENTIAL LANDSCAPE EVALUATION PROGRAM AND RESIDENTAL WATER CONSERVATION KITS; \$3,000 FOR THE COMMUNITY PARTNERING PROGRAM**

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The recommended actions will enable the receipt and appropriation of up to \$63,000 in reimbursable grant funds from the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) via Three Valleys Water District (Three Valley's) into the Water Fund.

## **SB1439/GOVERNMENT CODE §84308 APPLICABILITY:**

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The fiscal impact of the proposed actions is to increase revenue estimate and appropriations by \$63,000 in the Water Enterprise Fund (571-8127-40380-51356). The grant funding for the projects are reimbursable, meaning the City will need to complete the work, and seek reimbursement after-the-fact. Expenses for this grant will be paid from the Water Conservation Fund (571-8127-52197-51356).

**PREVIOUS RELATED ACTION:**

None.

**DISCUSSION:**

In November 2024, staff submitted a grant application to Three Valleys for \$60,000 from the MWD Member Agency Administered-incentive Program (MAAP) grant. Staff recently received notice that the grant applications were approved and we have been awarded the grant funds. The objective of the grant is to promote water efficiency among our residents by offering them a complimentary residential landscape evaluation as well as various water efficient products for their home.

To facilitate a smooth implementation, staff will, if approved, continue partnering with Conserv Construction Inc. to assist residents in conserving water through properly functioning sprinklers and upgraded weather-based irrigation controllers. As part of this effort, residents will receive an irrigation evaluation. Depending on the evaluation results, residents will be provided with a sprinkler tune-up and/or a weather-based irrigation controller. Additionally, staff will acquire a variety of water-efficient products to offer to residents free of charge, helping them conserve water both at home and in their yards. Staff plans to administer these program on a first-come, first-served basis until the grant funds have been fully allocated.

The Community Partnering Program grant supports the City's initiative to educate Pomona Unified School District students on the significance of water conservation, stormwater management, watersheds, and other environmental topics. Staff is collaborating with the Wyland Foundation to bring their Mobile Learning Experience (MLE) to Emerson Middle School. Wyland is a science center on wheels and will be brought to the school for one day. This engaging event will provide students with an immersive, hands-on learning experience through a multi-sensory theater and six interactive stations.

At this time, staff is seeking approval to receive, appropriate, and allocate the funds accordingly.

**COUNCIL PRIORITIES AND GOALS:**

This item supports City Council Priority 1: Fiscal and Operational Responsibility – Goal C: Obtain additional grant funding and other revenues to help achieve City goals.

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**ATTACHMENT:**

Attachment No. 1 – Resolution No. 2025-19