



CITY OF POMONA COUNCIL REPORT

July 20, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Anita D. Scott, City Manager

Submitted By: Meg McWade, Public Works Director

**SUBJECT: APPROPRIATION OF COMMUNITY CLEANUP AND EMPLOYMENT
PATHWAY GRANT FUNDING AND APPROVAL OF RESTRICTED
GRANT AGREEMENT WITH CALTRANS FOR BEAUTIFICATION AND
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

- 1) Adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-37 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FY 2026-27
OPERATING BUDGET BY INCREASING REVENUE ESTIMATES IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$205,000 IN FD215, GRANT – MISCELLANEOUS | CC2520
STREET MAINTENANCE | GRANT-STATE | GR-000015, CLEAN
CALIFORNIA LOCAL GRANT AND CORRESPONDING
APPROPRIATIONS IN FD215, GRANT – MISCELLANEOUS | CC2520,
STREET MAINTENANCE | CONTROLLABLE CONTRACT SERVICES | GR-
000015, CLEAN CALIFORNIA LOCAL GRANT FOR BEAUTIFICATION
AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT WORK AS PART OF THE
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CALTRANS)
CLEAN CALIFORNIA GRANT PROGRAM**

- 2) Approve the Restricted Grant Agreement between the City of Pomona and Caltrans;
and
- 3) Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the agreement and any amendments
subject to approval by the City Manager.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Approving the attached Resolution (Attachment No. 1) will appropriate \$205,000 of Community Cleanup and Employment Pathway (CCEP) funding for the Clean California Local Grant through the Department of Transportation (Caltrans). Additionally, approving the Restricted Grant Agreement (Attachment No. 2) will enable Caltrans to award funds to support a partnership with the California Conservation Corps to provide youth job training/development with a crew to remove litter and perform cleaning activities, thereby beautifying and improving public spaces.

SB1439/GOVERNMENT CODE §84308 APPLICABILITY:

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Approval of the grant will amend the City's FY 2026-27 Operating Budget by increasing revenue estimates in the amount of \$205,000 and a corresponding increase in appropriations by the same amount. Below is a summary of the fiscal impact:

Worktags	Change to Revenue Estimates	Worktags	Change to Appropriations
Fund: FD215 Miscellaneous Grants Cost Center: CC2520 Street Maintenance Revenue Category: Grant – State Grant: GR-000015, Clean California Local Grant	+ \$205,000	Fund: FD215 Miscellaneous Grants Cost Center: CC2520 Street Maintenance Spend Category: Controllable Contract Services Grant: GR-000015, Clean California Local Grant	+ \$205,000

As a condition of the grant award, the City is required to provide in-kind matching funds totaling \$20,000 to support cleanup and beautification efforts. Matching funds for staff salary allocations are already included in the Adopted FY 2026-27 Operating Budget. Below is a summary of the total project budget:

Appropriation of Funding FD215, Miscellaneous Grants CC2520, Street Maintenance Controllable Contract Services GR-000015 Clean California Local Grant	\$205,000
In-Kind Matching Funds – Staff Contribution FD101 General Fund CC2514 Illegal Dumping Earnings & Benefits	\$20,000
Total Project Budget	\$225,000

DISCUSSION:

The City was awarded a \$205,000 grant by Caltrans, with a primary goal aimed at reducing waste and beautifying public spaces. The program's objectives are to help enhance, rehabilitate, restore, or install measures to beautify and improve public spaces by using funds to reduce waste and debris within public rights-of-way, tribal lands, parks, pathways, transit centers, and other public spaces. In partnership with Caltrans Districts, it seeks to enhance local right-of-way areas to address waste management challenges, graffiti mitigation, and public space beautification, while creating workforce development opportunities for individuals facing barriers to employment.

The City of Pomona faces ongoing challenges with litter which negatively affect neighborhood appearance, public health, and community pride. Litter accumulation remains a significant issue. This challenge is especially visible in high-traffic areas and underserved neighborhoods, where ongoing debris buildup discourages community use and creates barriers to safe access. The proposed program is intended to supplement the City's limited cleanup services and assist with addressing litter and dumping concerns that continue to occur throughout the city.

The grant funding will support the launch of a pilot litter program that will address multiple high-need locations across the city twice per week. While the funding level does not support full citywide coverage, it enables focused cleanups at prioritized locations and provides workforce development opportunities for local youth. The proposed pilot program would provide additional, dedicated resources to address litter and illegal dumping challenges that continue to affect neighborhoods across Pomona, supporting the Council's broader goals of maintaining clean, attractive, and accessible public spaces.

The City is developing a partnership with the California Conservation Corps (CCC) to deliver workforce development opportunities for at-risk youth ages 18-25, offering hands-on experience in environmental stewardship and civic engagement. As outlined in the grant application, a six-member CCC crew will conduct litter removal and beautification activities twice weekly across key corridors, parks, and public rights-of-way.

The program may also include collaboration with other local non-profit, and the mobilization of community volunteers for cleanup events to foster pride of place and shared responsibility. These proposed efforts aim to enhance neighborhood health, safety, and appearance, contributing to

cleaner, safer, and more inviting spaces for all Pomona residents. Final program design and partnership agreements will be executed upon acceptance of the grant funding.

All funds to support program operation and maintenance will be provided by this grant, supplemented by the City's in-kind staff contribution valued at \$20,000. The City's matching funds do not represent new funding; it reflects existing budgeted staff time used to oversee litter abatement and public space beautification activities which may be conducted by the CCC, should a partnership agreement be finalized. Clean CA guidelines allow in-kind contributions such as staff time, volunteer labor, donated materials or equipment, meeting space, and complementary partner services that directly support project objectives through the grant term of November 2027.

By approving this item, the City Council is taking a proactive step to respond to persistent community concerns regarding litter and cleanliness. The proposed program strengthens the City's ability to maintain public spaces, while also investing in youth development opportunities and partnerships that reflect Council's commitment to improving the quality of life citywide.

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Attachment No. 1 – Resolution No. 2026-37

Attachment No. 2 – Clean California Local Grant Program (State) Restricted Grant Agreement