

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation WaterSmart Grant Opportunity: Small Scale Water Efficiency Projects

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Background

- Existing Cash for Grass program
 - Removed over 3.5 M square feet of turf
 - Rebate of \$0.75/sq ft
- Grant application - Cash for Grass program
 - Target is dedicated irrigation meter customers
 - Goal to remove 37,500 sq ft of turf
 - Rebate of \$2.00/sq ft

Analysis

- USBR WaterSmart Grant Application
 - Santa Rosa Water request of \$75,000 grant to support the existing Cash for Grass program
 - 50% total project grant match required - \$75,000 from in-kind staff time and program support.

Result

37,500 sq ft of turf removed

1.2M gallons of water saved annually

Recommendation

- It is recommended by Santa Rosa Water that the Council, by resolution: 1) support the City's submission of a grant application for \$75,000 for implementation of the Cash for Grass Rebate program to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART: Small Scale Water Efficiency Projects Grant program and commit the City to the financial and legal obligations associated with the grant; 2) delegate authority to the Director of Water or her designee to enter into a grant agreement with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and file any necessary applications, execute any contracts and/or related documents related to the grant, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney; and 3) authorize local matching funds for the grant.

QUESTIONS?



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