

RESOLUTION NO. 2014- 479

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT GRANT.

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Brownfields Assessment Grant Program, provides grants to municipal governments for assistance in providing grant resources for an applicant to prepare an environmental assessment on a property; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Vineland desires to further the public interest by obtaining an assessment grant of approximately \$200,000 to complete an environmental assessment of a property being considered for development but not environmentally assessed; and

WHEREAS, the EPA shall determine if the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Brownfields Assessment Program, and notify the City of the amount of the funding award; and

WHEREAS, the City of Vineland is willing to use the EPA's funds in accordance with such rules, regulations, and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the Environmental Protection Agency for funding to complete the proposed assessment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Vineland that the Mayor of the City of Vineland is authorized to:

- (a) Make application for such an assessment grant;
- (b) Provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required;
- (c) Act as the authorized correspondent of the City of Vineland.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Vineland:

1. That the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an agreement and any amendment thereto with the EPA for the brownfields assessment.
2. That if the grant award is less than the amount requested, the City shall evaluate its ability and intention to provide all funds in excess of the EPA's award necessary for completion of the environmental assessment.
3. That the City of Vineland agrees to comply with all applicable Federal, State and municipal laws, rules and regulations in its performance of the project.

Adopted:

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk



November 6, 2014

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**RE: Authorization to Proceed – City of Vineland
Application for US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfields Assessment
Grant Funding**

Dear Denise:

As a follow up to our meeting, it appears that the City wants to pursue US-EPA Brownfields Assessment Funding for the property located at Highland and Landis Avenue. This project is consistent with the guidelines published by US-EPA and the priorities for use of said funds. This is a national competition which will require a thorough description of the proposed project including a single spaced 15-page narrative description along with evidence of community notification, cost share documentation and related materials to document need and applicability of this project to the ranking and review criteria. The goal is to ensure that all of the competitive review criteria as called for in the application are addressed to secure approval of the maximum \$200,000 grant.

Per signature to this Authorization, Triad Associates is prepared to proceed with work associated with the preparation of the USEPA Brownfields Assessment Application. The cost to prepare this application is \$8,800. This Authorization to prepare the Brownfields Assessment Application is submitted per the provisions of an Addendum to Contract between Triad Associates and the City of Vineland dated October 3, 2013, at which time provision was made for preparation of applications and other technical assistance as called for and authorized by the City.

The deadline for submission of the EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant Application is December 19, 2014.

I appreciate the opportunity to submit this Letter of Authorization. Anticipating that the City desires to proceed with the preparation and filing of the application, please be advised that under separate cover, my Associate, Tammy Wetzel, will be forwarding you a Resolution for use by City Council authorizing the filing of the Brownfields Assessment Grant Application.

If this proposal is acceptable, I would appreciate your help in getting the appropriate signatures of authorization so that we can proceed to get working on the details associated with the application. Reflecting on your retirement plans, can you also advise who would be the best point of contact to obtain information as needed in preparing the application.

Sincerely,




Michael Zumpino, Chairman/CEO

Agreed to this 13 day of NOVEMBER, 2014

CITY OF VINELAND

By:



Ruben Bermudez, Mayor

Cc: Tammy Wetzel, Senior Associate