

BOARD MEETING DATE: January 8, 2021

AGENDA NO. 7

PROPOSAL: Appropriate Funds and Amend Existing Contract for Consultant Services for South Coast AQMD's Why Healthy Air Matters Program to Correct Funding

SYNOPSIS: At the September 4, 2020 meeting, the Board approved the expansion of the Why Healthy Air Matters (WHAM) Program. These actions are to appropriate \$1,000,000 from BP ARCO Funds (Fund 46) to accurately reflect the Board action on September 4, 2020 and to amend the contract for consultant services.

COMMITTEE: Administrative, December 11, 2020; Recommended for Approval

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. Appropriate \$1,000,000 from BP ARCO (Fund 46) to the Legislative, Public Affairs, & Media FY 2020-21 Budget, Services and Supplies Major Object, Professional & Specialized account; and
2. Amend the existing contract with Lee Andrews Group, Inc. to add \$500,000 per fiscal year to the contract to fund the WHAM program for Fiscal Years 2021-22 and 2022-23.

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Background

On September 4, 2020, the Board approved the expansion of the Why Healthy Air Matters (WHAM) Program to extend implementation for an additional three-years beginning on October 1, 2020. This included the approval of increased program funding from \$500,000 per year to 1.5 million dollars per year for 3 years. The expanded WHAM Program will provide air quality education to students each year in 300 high school classrooms and 100 middle schools classrooms, as well as develop unique content, videos and other specialized learning materials for South Coast AQMD. This

translates into more than 30,000 high school and middle school students and their teachers participating in WHAM throughout the four-county region. Based on the goals and the feedback we received students and teachers shared their air quality experience with family and friends which amplifies the effects of South Coast AQMD's outreach.

The September 4, 2020 Board letter did not accurately identify all the required appropriations to fund the program. In particular, the BP ARCO Funds (Fund 46) in the amount of \$1,000,000 were inadvertently omitted from the recommended actions. Staff recommends the transfer of BP ARCO Funds (Fund 46) to fully fund the WHAM program until September 30, 2023, per the Board's direction on September 4, 2020 to expand and fund the WHAM Program. Additionally, the contract with the approved consultant will need to be amended recognize the funds to expand the WHAM Program.

Proposal

This proposal would:

1. Appropriate \$1,000,000 from BP ARCO (Fund 46) to Legislative, Public Affairs, & Media FY 2020-21 Budget, Services and Supplies Major Object, Professional & Specialized account; and
2. Amend the existing contract with Lee Andrews Group, Inc. to add \$1,000,000 to the contract to fund the WHAM program through September 30, 2023.

Resource Impacts

Sufficient funding is available from the BP ARCO Funds Balance for this contract in FY 2020-21.