

# **County of Monterey**

Item No.

Board of Supervisors Chambers 168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor Salinas, CA 93901

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# **Board Report**

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#### RECOMMENDATION:

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#### SUMMARY:

The Sustainability Program has identified the Charging Infrastructure for Government Fleets grant opportunity by the California Energy Commission's Clean Transportation Program as beneficial towards jumpstarting the County's electric vehicle (EV) transition. This grant would fund a project for a minimum of 100 charging ports across County facilities. To apply for this program, staff will partner with Mynt Systems, Inc., who is able to incorporate the infrastructure provided by this grant into the Master Energy Services Agreement as additional Energy Service System Confirmations, analogous to current solar and battery energy projects.

#### DISCUSSION:

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While the County has adopted the Clean Fleet Purchasing Policy prioritizing EV adoption, EV uptake by departments has been slow due to the lack of available charging infrastructure. This

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grant application aims to provide an influx of charging infrastructure for the County's municipal fleet at multiple facilities. Given the geographic reach and high vehicle turnover rate of the Health Department and Social Services Department, staff plan for this grant to focus on these two departments and provide flexibility for additional departments to participate. Staff has coordinated with Public Works, Facilities, and Parks, the Health Department, and the Social Services Department to apply for this grant opportunity.

The maximum award amount for this grant application is \$6 million with a 30% match requirement. If awarded, staff will return to this Board through its Budget Committee to request authorization to accept the award and appropriate any necessary funds.

## OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Staff has coordinated with Public Works, Facilities, and Parks, the Health Department, and the Social Services Department to apply for this grant opportunity.

#### FINANCING:

The maximum award amount for this grant application is \$6 million with a 30% match requirement. If awarded, staff will return to this Board through its Budget Committee to request authorization to accept the award and appropriate any necessary funds.

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

This application supports the County's greenhouse gas reduction goals as set forth in the upcoming Community Climate Action and Adaptation Plan. The acquisition of electric vehicle charging infrastructure supports the implementation of the Clean Vehicle Purchasing Policy.

Mark a check to the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives

Economic Development	
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Administration	
_X_Health & Human Services	
_X_Infrastructure	
_X_Public Safety	
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Charging Infrastructure for Government Fleets Solicitation Manual	