



CEO-Legislative Affairs Office Grant Authorization eForm

GRANT APPLICATION / GRANT AWARD

Today's Date:	July 9, 2026
Requesting Agency/Department:	OC Public Works
Grant Name and Project Title:	WaterSMART Grants: Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects H2OC RainSmart Large Landscape Turf Upgrade Incentive Program
Sponsoring Organization/ Grant Source: (If the grant source is not a government entity, please provide a brief description of the organization/foundation)	United States Bureau of Reclamation
Application Amount Requested:	\$125,000
Application Due Date:	January 14, 2025
Board Date when Board Approved this Application:	N/A
Awarded Funding Amount:	\$124,980
Notification Date of Funding Awarded:	March 4, 2026
Is this an Authorized Retroactive Grant Application/Award? Retroactive	
Recurrence of Grant:	No
If this is a recurring grant, please list the funding amount applied for and awarded in the past:	N/A
Does this grant require CEQA findings?	No
What Type of Grant is this?	Award - Competitive
County Match?	Yes
How will the County Match be fulfilled? (Please include the specific budget)	A 50% cost share will be met through contributions from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, the Municipal Water District of Orange County, program participant contributions, and County cost-share funds already designated for this program.
Will the grant/program create new part or full-time positions?	No
Will this grant support a new or existing program?	Existing
Purpose of Grant Funds:	Provide summary and brief background on why the Board of Supervisors should accept this grant application/award, and how the grant will be implemented.

The grant will fund the H2OC RainSmart Large Landscape Turf Upgrade Incentive Program, which provides financial incentives and technical assistance to homeowner associations to replace large areas of non-functional turf with climate appropriate, low water-use landscaping. The program will reduce potable water demand, improve water quality through reduced runoff, and increase regional drought resilience by conserving approximately 6.75 acre-feet of water annually.

Board Resolution Required?

Yes

Deputy County Counsel Name:

Julia Woo

Recommended Action(s)

(Please specify below)

1. Authorize Orange County Public Works, or designee, to retroactively apply for and sign all necessary documents for the United States Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Grants: Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects – H2OC RainSmart Large Landscape Turf Upgrade Incentive Program in the amount of \$124,980.
2. Adopt a Resolution to retroactively accept the award of \$124,980 for the United States Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Grants: Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects – H2OC RainSmart Large Landscape Turf Upgrade Incentive Program.
3. Authorize the Director of OC Public Works or designee to negotiate and execute a Grant Agreement with the United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation, with substantially the same terms and conditions as in the attached Notice of Award, and to approve minor amendments and modifications to the Grant Agreement, provided there is no increase in financial obligations of the County.

Department Contact:

List the name and contact information (telephone, email) of the person to be contacted for further information.

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Name of individual attending the Board Meeting:

List the name of the individual who will be attending the Board Meeting for this Grant item:

Kevin Onuma