

Agenda Report Reviewed by:

City Manager: 

**CITY OF SEBASTOPOL  
CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA ITEM**

**Meeting Date:** February 18, 2020  
**To:** Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers  
**From:** Public Works Superintendent, Dante Del Prete  
**Subject:** Consideration of Funding Approval of Support for Earth Day 50th Anniversary Events in the City of Sebastopol  
**Recommendation** That the City Council approve funding for City Sponsored Events on April 11, 2020 in Support of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Earth Day  
**Funding:** Currently Budgeted:  Yes  No  N/A

This item was not budgeted in the current fiscal year budget, but can be absorbed in the following accounts:

124-4103-4330

100-4104-4330

100-4105-4330

Not to exceed \$4,000

**Account Code/Costs authorized in City Approved Budget**

(verified by Administrative Services Department)

**INTRODUCTION:**

This item is to request City Council funding approval for support of events commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day in the City of Sebastopol to be held on Saturday April 11, 2020. These events would include environmental clean-up, native tree planting, recycling and zero waste practices.

**BACKGROUND:**

Earth Day is a day when millions of people across the world come together to promote a cleaner and safer environment. The first Earth Day in 1970 helped develop public support that led to the enactment of the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act, and the Marine Mammal Protection Act as well as the creation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The actual 50th anniversary of Earth Day is on Wednesday April 22, 2020 but will be celebrated in Sebastopol with community events on Saturday April 11, 2020.

**DISCUSSION:**

In recognition of City of Sebastopol's existing policies and programs that are aimed at addressing climate protection, the city proposes to engage our communities in events and actions that will contribute to the reduction of climate change. The City of Sebastopol is proposing participatory events on April 11, 2020 in recognition of Earth Day including a Laguna Clean-up event co-sponsored with the Laguna Foundation, a document shredding/paper recycling event co-sponsored by the Sebastopol Library and native tree planting coordinated by Sebastopol Public Works Department including an informational fair to be held at the Community and Cultural Center parking lot

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providing information and services pertaining to: battery recycling, prescription drug disposal, recycling, composting and document shredding/paper recycling.

We also encourage simple, yet impactful, actions we can take on Earth Day and every day to help address climate change worldwide.

• Reduce, reuse, and recycle. • Conserve water. • Carpool, bike, walk, and ride the bus. • Don't forget your reusable bag when you go shopping. • Find pollution solutions. • Drive Smart. • Don't Idle. • Compost food and yard waste. • Keep storm drains free of trash. • Put litter in its place. • Adopt-a-Landscape. • Water your lawn only when it needs it. • Dispose of hazardous substances properly. • Be a Champion of the Environment. • Donate food to food banks and charities. • Buy earth-friendly products and material. • Residents are encouraged to avoid driving. • Use public transit • Walking, telecommuting, biking to work and to Earth Day events. These are simple, yet impactful, actions we can take on Earth Day, and every day, to help address climate change worldwide.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council approve funding for City Sponsored Events on April 11, 2020 in support of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Earth Day.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

none