

RESOLUTION NO. 109-11

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR A 2012 EPA BROWNFIELDS
REVOLVING LOAN FUND GRANT (EPA-OSWER-OBLR-11-06) IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$1 MILLION TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO CAPITALIZE A REVOLVING FUND TO BE
ADMINISTERED BY THE CITY AND TO MAKE LOANS AND PROVIDE SUBGRANTS
TO CARRY OUT CLEANUP ACTIVITIES AT ELIGIBLE BROWNFIELD SITES**

WHEREAS, as a consequence of an exodus of manufacturing in the decades following World War II and other economic changes, the City of Richmond (City) is burdened by abandoned Brownfields properties; and

WHEREAS, the City has a large percentage of residents of color who live in proximity to industrial and Brownfields sites and are disproportionately situated near potential environmental hazards from those sites; and

WHEREAS, the City is desirous of lessening the environmental burdens in its communities from Brownfields sites and in revitalizing its communities; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund grants are available to provide funds to capitalize a revolving loan fund program to make loans and provide subgrants to carry out cleanup activities at eligible Brownfields sites; and

WHEREAS, revolving loan funds generally are used to provide no-interest or low-interest loans for Brownfields cleanups; and

WHEREAS, the revolving loan fund program will be administered by the City; and

WHEREAS, the City may use 10 percent of its grant funds to monitor the health of Brownfields impacted populations, monitor or enforce institutional control used to prevent human exposure, or other related program development and implementation activities; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to apply for a 2012 Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Grant (EPA-OSWER-OBLR-11-06) to capitalize the revolving loan fund program; and

WHEREAS, the proposed application is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Sections 15251 and 15330 of the State CEQA Guidelines, which exempt (1) projects that protect and cleanup the environment carried out under the oversight of a regulatory agency whose function is the preservation, protection and enhancement of the environment, and (2) minor action that prevent or minimize the threat of release of hazardous substances, respectively; and

WHEREAS, by the agenda report in support of this resolution (Agenda Report), the City Council has been provided with additional information upon which the findings and actions set forth in this resolution are based.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Richmond does hereby find the above recitals are true and correct and have served, together with the Agenda Report, as the basis for the findings and actions set forth in this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Richmond hereby authorizes the City Manager to submit a 2012 Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Grant Application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in the amount of \$1 million.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a special meeting held on November 22, 2011, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, Booze, Ritterman, Rogers, Vice Mayor Butt, and Mayor McLaughlin.

NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: None.

DIANE HOLMES
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND

(SEAL)

Approved:

GAYLE MCLAUGHLIN
Mayor

Approved as to form:

RANDY RIDDLE
City Attorney

State of California }
County of Contra Costa } : ss.
City of Richmond }

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of **Resolution No. 109-11**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a special meeting held on November 22, 2011.