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**Recommendation**

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Authorize the General Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Bay Area Community Resources (BACR) to provide BACR Fellows from September 2023 to August 2024 to assist in LBUD water conservation program development.

**Executive Summary**

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BACR was awarded a grant by California Climate Action Corps (CCAC) to implement the CCAC Fellowship. CCAC is part of a statewide initiative to address the climate crisis by placing Fellows with local organizations to mobilize community members on direct climate action through education, volunteer engagement, and assessment with projects focused on urban greening, organic waste and edible food recovery, and wildfire resiliency.

Selected Fellows will serve approximately eleven months, supporting community climate action, education, or assessment projects in target regions across the state. As a result of the grant, zero cost share is required from the partner organizations that can host Fellows.

LBUD Staff plan to have Fellows assist in expanding outreach of water conservation programs, assist past program participants with landscape maintenance consultations, and assist in identifying and categorizing areas in the city with turf for future lawn to garden projects. Fellows will also assist in coordinating with local non-profits, volunteer groups, and community-based organizations to organize indoor and outdoor water efficiency educational workshops.

LBUD has had previous success hosting Fellows within Water Resources. Four Fellows were hosted between 2017-2019 providing them opportunity to assist with water conservation programs and gain professional development that successfully led to careers in the water conservation industry.

**Fiscal Impact**

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There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommendation.

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