

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-\_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF MERCED, CALIFORNIA,  
APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR THE  
GRANT FUNDS FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL  
ENHANCEMENT AND MITIGATION (EEM)  
PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Government of the State of California have enacted Section 164.56 of the California Streets and Highway Code, which is intended to provide grant funds to local, state, and federal agencies and nonprofit entities for projects to enhance and mitigate the environmental impacts of modified or new public transportation facilities; and,

WHEREAS, the California Natural Resources Agency has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of this grant program, establishing necessary procedures and criteria, and is required to submit to the California Transportation Commission a list of recommended projects from which the grant recipients will be selected; and,

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the California Natural Resources Agency require a resolution certifying the approval and application(s) by the Applicant's governing board before submission of said application(s) to the State; and,

WHEREAS, the Applicant, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCED  
DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE, FIND, AND ORDER AS  
FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. That the filing of an application for the grant funds for the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program to plant an urban forest at General Vang Pao Park in Bellevue Ranch is hereby approved; and,

SECTION 2. That the Applicant understands the assurances and certification requirements in the application; and,

SECTION 3. That the Applicant or title holder will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project(s) consistent with the land tenure requirements; or will secure the resources to do so; and,

SECTION 4. That the Applicant will comply with all provisions of Section 1771.5 of the California Labor Code; and,

SECTION 5. That the project will comply with all applicable laws and regulations including, but not limited to, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), legal requirements for building codes, health and safety codes, and disabled access laws, and that prior to commencement of construction all applicable permits have been obtained; and,

SECTION 6. That the Applicant will work towards the State Planning Priorities intended to promote equity, strengthen the economy, protect the environment, and promote public health and safety as included in Government Code Section 65041.1; and,

SECTION 7. That the Applicant appoints the City Manager, or designee, as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, payment request and so on, which may be necessary for the competition of the aforementioned project(s).

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Merced at a regular meeting held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 202\_, by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members:

NOES: Council Members:

ABSENT: Council Members:

ABSTAIN: Council Members:

APPROVED:

MATTHEW SERRATTO, MAYOR

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:

D. SCOTT MCBRIDE, CITY CLERK

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant/Deputy City Clerk

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CRAIG J. CORNWELL, CITY ATTORNEY

Craig Cornwell 6/24/2025  
City Attorney Date