



Legislation Text

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Adopt City Council Resolution Approving Professional Services Agreement with ASA Analysis & Communication, Inc. for Design Concepts and Cost Estimates Associated with Development of Municipal Ocean Water Intake/Discharge Infrastructure and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Contract (Amount Not to Exceed \$90,800; Account No. 334-5060-0630)

The U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Agency (EDA) invested CARES Act funding to help the City of Fort Bragg develop a strategy for economic diversification. Because coastal resources are one of our region's greatest assets, the City is exploring how opportunities within an emerging "Blue Economy" could transform our local economy, while nurturing our coastal environment. The World Bank defines the Blue Economy as "the sustainable use of ocean resources for economic growth, and improved livelihoods and jobs, while preserving the health of marine and coastal ecosystems." It is an innovative sector, encompassing a broad range of activities related to climate change, fisheries, renewable energy, transport and tourism within the context of healthy marine ecosystems. Several potential opportunities rely on an ability to access ocean water, such as aquariums and aquaculture - both small scale, land-based commercial aquaculture and restorative aquaculture to mitigate environmental issues.

The City is utilizing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding in the amount of \$100,000 for professional services to develop design concepts and cost estimates for municipal ocean water intake/discharge infrastructure. The City released a Request for Proposals (RFP) and received six timely responses from qualified firms. Staff determined ASA Analysis & Communication is best suited for the task.

Att. 1 - Resolution

Att. 2 - Contract