



Office of the Mayor

CONSENT CALENDAR

October 10, 2006

To: Members of the City Council
From: Mayor Tom Bates
Subject: D-13 Funding for Ecology Center's Environmental Summit

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council authorize the payment of \$500 from the Mayor's discretionary budget to the Ecology Center to help fund their first annual Environmental Summit.

BACKGROUND:

The Ecology Center will host a citywide environmental summit on Friday, October 6th.

The half-day event is designed to highlight the broad spectrum of Berkeley sustainability efforts led by businesses, government agencies, academic and health institutions, community based organizations and inspired individuals. The summit includes an invigorating combination of short presentations on Berkeley-focused sustainability projects, structured networking, and a delicious lunch featuring regionally-grown organic produce.

(More information is available at www.ecologycenter.org/summit/index.html.)

The \$500 in funding will be used to help fund the event. (It will also provide tickets for Mayor's staff to attend.)

FISCAL IMPACTS: \$500 from the Mayor's office budget. No impact on the General Fund.

CONTACT PERSON: Mayor Tom Bates, 981-7100.

ATTACHMENTS: None

RESOLUTION NO

AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF SURPLUS FUNDS FROM THE OFFICE EXPENSE ACCOUNTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS FOR A GRANT TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SERVICES FOR A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC PURPOSE

WHEREAS, Mayor Tom Bates has surplus funds in his office expenditure account (budget code 010-0101-410.3015); and

WHEREAS, a California non-profit tax exempt corporation “The Ecology Center” seeks funds in the amount of \$500 to put on a citywide environmental summit; and

WHEREAS, the provision of such services will provide Berkeley policymakers, community members, and others with a unique opportunity to share ideas, form new policies, and take other steps to meet City’s environmental goals and build our green economy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to execute a contract with The Ecology Center in the not to exceed amount of \$500 to fund the citywide environmental summit.