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<b>Submitted By:</b> Fred Abadi, Director of Public Works	<b>City Administrator Approval:</b> Kevin Lahner, City Administrator KL
<b>Finance Department Review:</b> Rich Abbott, Finance Director RA	<b>City Attorney's Office Review:</b> Brian Running, City Attorney BR
<b>Subject:</b> Review and act on the matching grant from Focus on Energy for a Bio-gas Utilization Study and amend the 2018 Budget as needed for the grant.	

**Details:**

The City is approaching the next stage of its 20-year facility plan which included the co-generation of electricity from bio-gas. Focus on Energy is offering a matching grant of up to \$15,000 for beneficial use studies on bio-gas so this seemed like an opportune time to re-evaluate the options as technology is rapidly changing. An RFP for a study was sent out to three consulting firms. City staff reviewed the proposals received, and ranked the Strand Associates proposal the highest based on experience, knowledge, price, and grant requirements. The proposal was forwarded to Focus on Energy to determine grant eligibility. They have accepted the proposal and confirmed the grant would be approved.

**Options & Alternatives:**

The facility plan estimated the cost for the addition of co-generation equipment at \$2 million. The study will take another look at the best option for bio-gas use before making a major capital investment. Specifically, the study will look at co-generation, renewable natural gas/compressed natural gas, and use for sludge drying. Also, gas conditioning and increasing production of gas will be evaluated. The City could reject the offer, however to proceed with the study, the grant must be accepted by May 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Financial Remarks:**

By accepting the grant Focus on Energy would reimburse the City 50% of the \$19,820 cost of the study upon completion making the net cost to the City \$9,910. The consulting account (7380.52135) would be used to pay for the study. The revenue account will be 7380.42910 for \$9,910.

**Executive Recommendation:**

Recommend approval of accepting the matching grant from Focus on Energy for a bio-gas utilization study.

