



CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT



December 7, 2021

ITEM TITLE

Funding Application: Authorize Submittal of Applications to CalRecycle's Recycling Payment Program

Report Number: 21-0194

Location: No specific geographic location

Department: Economic Development

Environmental Notice: The activity is not a "Project" as defined under Section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act State Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3) no environmental review is required. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the activity qualifies for an Exemption pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act State Guidelines.

Recommended Action

Adopt a resolution authorizing submittal of applications to receive funding from CalRecycle's Recycling Payment Program.

SUMMARY

The Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) distributes approximately \$10,500,000 each fiscal year to eligible cities and counties specifically for beverage container recycling and litter cleanup activities. As a requirement to receive this funding, eligible cities and counties must submit a resolution approving a request for funds for this program. Staff is requesting Council approval to apply for this reoccurring, annual payment program for a period of five years through 2026.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The proposed activity has been reviewed for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and it has been determined that the activity is not a "Project" as defined under Section 15378 of the state CEQA Guidelines because it will not result in a physical change in the environment; therefore, pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Notwithstanding the foregoing, it has also been determined that the activity qualifies for an Exemption pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act State Guidelines. Thus, no environmental review is required.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Not applicable

DISCUSSION

Pursuant to the Public Resources Code 14581 (a)(3)(A) of the California Beverage Container and Litter Reduction Act, the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) distributes approximately \$10,500,000 each fiscal year to eligible cities and counties specifically for beverage container recycling and litter cleanup activities. The goal of CalRecycle's beverage container recycling program is to reach and maintain an 80 percent recycling rate for all California Redemption Value (CRV) beverage containers such as aluminum cans, glass bottles, plastic bottles and bi-metal cans. These programs are in furtherance of California's efforts to reduce, recycle and reuse solid waste generated in the state thereby preserving landfill capacity and protecting public health and safety and the environment.

In furtherance of this authority CalRecycle is required to establish procedures governing the administration, application, awarding, and management of the payment programs. CalRecycle's procedures for administering payment programs require, among other things, an applicant's governing body to declare by resolution certain authorizations related to the administration of the payment program. This program allows the City Manager or an approved designee, as the "Signature Authority" on behalf of the City and is authorized and directed to execute all documents, including but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments and requests for payment, necessary to implement the Beverage Container Recycling Payment Program in the City, and secure payment for such program. (Attachment 1. Beverage Container Recycling City/County Payment Program-Program Guidelines Fiscal Year 2021-22)

Staff is requesting Council approval to apply for this reoccurring, annual, funds payment program for a period of five years. These funds provide California Redemption Value (CRV) container collection, litter reduction containers, education at public access venues and litter clean-up events. Funds from this program allow the City to provide collection containers in areas that currently lack recycling opportunities such as shopping corridors with pedestrian-friendly areas, public courtyards, recreation centers and libraries. Promotion of CRV container recycling opportunities are also created using multi-media and printed media collateral materials.

DECISION-MAKER CONFLICT

Staff has reviewed the decision contemplated by this action and has determined that it is not site-specific and consequently, the real property holdings of the Chula Vista City Council members and do not create a disqualifying real property-related financial conflict of interest under the Political Reform Act (Cal. Gov't Code § 87100, et seq.).

CURRENT-YEAR FISCAL IMPACT

There will be no direct fiscal impact to the General Fund. All current expenditures and revenues associated with the Beverage Container Recycling Program are fully funded through CalRecycle.

ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT

There will be no ongoing fiscal impact to the General Fund. All future expenditures and revenues associated with the Beverage Container Recycling Program are fully funded through CalRecycle.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Beverage Container Recycling City/County Payment Program-Program Guidelines Fiscal Year 2021-22

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