



Legislation Text

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Community Development Services, Environmental Management Department, recommending the Board consider the following:

1) Accept a payment program award funded through the California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act, from the State of California, Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, Beverage Container Recycling City/County Payment Program, Fiscal Year 2017-18, in the amount of \$38,451, for the term, upon award and acceptance of funds, through June 29, 2020; and
2) Delegate authority to the Environmental Management Department Director, or designee, to execute all payment program related documents, including, but not limited to, all reports and associated documents necessary to secure and expend the funds for the purpose of implementing the Beverage Container Recycling City/County Payment Program if the documents do not affect the amount or term.

FUNDING: Non-General Fund / State of California, Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, Beverage Container Recycling City/County Payment Program, Fiscal Year 2017-18 funds.

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND

Pursuant to Public Resources Code section 14581(a)(3)(A) of the California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act, the State of California, as administered by the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle), distributes \$10,500,000 to eligible cities and counties specifically for implementing programs for beverage container recycling and litter cleanup activities. The goal of this program is to provide opportunities for beverage container recycling in an effort to reach and maintain an 80% recycling rate for all California refund value beverage containers such as aluminum, glass, plastic, and bi-metal.

Each county is eligible to receive \$10,000, or an amount calculated by CalRecycle on a per capita basis, whichever is greater. The per capita calculation is based upon the population as of January 1, 2017, in the unincorporated area of a county. Using this criteria, the County's Environmental Management Department (Environmental Management) was determined to be eligible for the Beverage Container Recycling City/County Payment Program (Payment Program), Fiscal Year 2017-18, in the amount of \$38,451.

CalRecycle administers various payment programs and grants, and provides oversight for California's waste handling and recycles programs, which are managed at the local level by cities and counties. CalRecycle's procedures for administering payment programs and grant applications require the applicant's governing body to declare by resolution certain authorizations related to the administration of these funds. The Board's acceptance of the funds under this Payment Program will ensure Environmental Management is able to contribute towards meeting the State's beverage container recycling rate goal at the local level.

Eligible costs using funds under this Payment Program include, but are not limited to:

- New or existing curbside recycling programs;
- Neighborhood drop-off recycling programs;

- Public education promoting beverage container recycling;
- Litter reduction and cleanup where the waste stream includes beverage containers that will be recycled;
- Cooperative regional efforts among two or more cities and counties;
- Other beverage container recycling programs;
- Supporting AB 341 Mandatory Commercial Recycling requirements, including;
 - Infrastructure for businesses to recycle beverage containers;
 - Support for new or existing beverage container recycling programs for multi-family residential dwellings; and
 - Public education and outreach that includes a beverage container recycling component.

On March 5, 2018, Environmental Management submitted an on-line application and Funding Request Certification to CalRecycle for this Payment Program (Attachment C). On July 31, 2018, notification was received from CalRecycle advising that payments will be issued for the Payment Program, Fiscal Year 2017-18, with a term of upon award and acceptance of funds through June 29, 2020 (Attachment D).

In order to achieve the goals established for this Payment Program, Environmental Management may use the awarded funds for the following programs and/or activities, including, but not limited to:

- Provide funding for Environmental Management's litter abatement crew, including the purchase of supplies, for litter cleanup activities on County roadways that regularly contain bottles and cans;
- Implement an "Adopt-A-Roadway" program, including the purchase and placement of signs along adopted roadways recognizing participants;
- Purchase and place beverage container recycling bins at select fuel stations and other areas frequented by the public, such as parks, city/town hubs, marinas, campgrounds, and schools, throughout the County.

In accordance with Board of Supervisors Policy A-6, the Board is the sole authority for accepting grant awards and approving grant agreements. After acceptance of a grant award and approval of the grant agreement, the Board may delegate authority to execute all documents, including, but not limited to, the grant funding agreement, amendments, request for payment, reports, and all other associated documents necessary to secure and implement the approved grant payment program.

The recommended acceptance of these funds authorizes the Director of Environmental Management, or designee, to execute all reports and associated documents necessary to secure and expend the funds for the purpose of implementing this Payment Program. Environmental Management will continue to obtain Board approval for the acceptance of all funds pursuant to Board Policy A-6.

ALTERNATIVES

The Board could reject the acceptance of the Payment Program funds. This would result in the forfeiture of available Payment Program funds to the County and would further inhibit Environmental Management's ability to promote beverage container recycling and provide litter cleanup activities in the County to assist with meeting and maintaining the State's 80% beverage container recycling rate.

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Payment Program Guidelines for Fiscal Year 2017-18 (Attachment B).

CAO RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve this item.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no change in Net County Cost. These Payment Program funds were included in the FY 2018-19 budget. No matching funds are required for this Payment Program.

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

N/A

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT

Healthy Communities

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