



CITY OF GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

Report: CalRecycle Beverage Container Recycling and Senate Bill 1383 Local Assistance Grants

- 1) Resolution of Appropriation in the amount of \$338,838 for the Senate Bill 1383 Local Assistance Grant Project and CalRecycle Grant FY 2021-22 Project

COUNCIL ACTION

Item Type: Consent Calendar

Approved for July 12, 2022 **calendar**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In Fiscal Year 2021-22, the City of Glendale received \$338,838 in grant funding from the California Department of Resources Recovery and Recycling (CalRecycle) to support municipal recycling and waste reduction programs. \$50,547 is for the redemption of California Refund Value (CRV) beverage containers and \$288,291 is for initial implementation of California Senate Bill 1383, Short-Lived Climate Pollutants (SLCP): Organic Waste Reductions requirements. A resolution of appropriation is needed in order to use these funds on the various recycling and waste reduction projects they were awarded for.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES

Fiscal Responsibility: The implementation of mandates is costly and the City endeavors to use grant resources, when possible, for these compliance programs.

Sustainability: Through organics and recycling diversion, landfill capacity increases which decreases the use of natural resources and pollution.

Informed & Engaged Community: Commercial and residential collection programs and outreach help the community keep Glendale green.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve a resolution of appropriation in the amount of \$338,838 for Senate Bill 1383 Local Assistance Grant Project and CalRecycle Grant FY 2021-22 Project.

BACKGROUND

Beverage Container Grant

CalRecycle provides grant payments to governmental agencies to support recycling and waste reduction programs within their jurisdictions. The beverage container grant program has been in place for several years with the goal of maximizing the redemption of California Refund Value (CRV) beverage containers. Each jurisdiction's designated funding amount is based on population and Glendale normally receives about \$50,000 per year. In recent years, the City received \$50,519 for the 2020-21 beverage container grant period and \$50,547 for the 2021-22 beverage container grant period. A resolution of appropriation is needed to spend the FY 2021-22 grant amount.

The Public Works Department is required to implement State regulations for diversion which include curbside recycling and organic waste diversion programs. Under the CRV program, CalRecycle assists with Statewide diversion goals through City/County payment grant programs and supplemental curbside program payments. Every jurisdiction is eligible for the annual funding to be used for beverage container recycling and clean-up activities which support curbside recycling programs, beverage container public education, community clean-up, and Mandatory Commercial Recycling which is a requirement of Assembly Bill 341.

Organics Recycling Grant

CalRecycle is administering a one-time grant payment for the initial implementation of California Senate Bill 1383, Short-Lived Climate Pollutants, (SLCP): Organic Waste Reductions requirements. This bill is intended to reduce the disposal of organic waste such as food in landfills and requires refuse haulers, such as Glendale, to implement programs to reduce and recycle organics waste. Senate Bill 1383 grant funding can be used for collection, capacity planning, edible food recovery, education, program evaluation, procurement, record keeping, outreach, and enforcement.

Senate Bill 1383 became effective on January 1, 2022 which set methane emissions reduction targets for California to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants (SLCP) by:

- 1) Reducing organic waste disposal 75% by 2025; and
- 2) Rescuing at least 20% of currently disposed surplus food for consumption by 2025.

ANALYSIS

Upon review of State regulations, additional community outreach, education and program implementation is needed to increase recycling, organics recycling and food recovery in Glendale to meet State mandates. State grant funding will enable the City to implement State requirements more expediently.

The beverage container grant funding has been used for recycling education programs such as Mr. Eco, who is an environmental educator that reminds students how to properly recycle through interactive songs, field trips to Discovery Science Center where students learn how recyclables are processed, recycling newsletters, vehicle signs and other outreach. Targeting students is an effective tool in promoting household recycling. New beverage container grant funding of \$50,547 will continue to be used for community outreach such as specialty school recycling education programs, multi-family recycling totes, and community newsletters.

The Senate Bill 1383 organics recycling funding of \$288,291 will be used to purchase organics recycling pails for kitchen scraps for four residential routes and to partially fund the replacement of organics carts for one residential route. Recycling program outreach has become more critical as the City continues to implement State mandates that require recycling and organics collection at all properties.

STAKEHOLDERS/OUTREACH

Staff has gained community input on CalRecycle programs through community webinars, community event participation, educational presentations, emails and phone calls. This feedback provides useful information for staff to create targeted outreach within the City.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Senate Bill 1383 Local Assistance Grant Project and CalRecycle Grant FY21-22 Project total grant award is \$338,838, which was not included as a part of the FY 2022-23 budget. The grant funds were received and deposited in the Refuse Fund, therefore, staff is requesting an appropriation of \$338,838 from the Refuse Fund Net Position to be able to spend the funds.

Requesting Appropriation			
Amount	From (Account String)	To (Account String)	Funding Source
\$288,291	GL: 27900-5300-PWD-0000	GL: 45350-5300-PWD-0020-P0000 PL: PWD00807AG	Refuse Fund
\$50,547	GL: 27900-5300-PWD-0000	GL: 43110-5300-PWD-0020-P0000 PL: PWD00806AG	Refuse Fund

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (CEQA/NEPA)

This item is considered a ministerial activity and therefore, not subject to CEQA review.

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE

N/A

ALTERNATIVES

Alternative 1: The City Council may approve a Resolution of Appropriation in the amount of \$338,838 for the Senate Bill 1383 Local Assistance Grant Project and CalRecycle Grant FY21-22 Project and various recycling and waste reduction programs will proceed.

Alternative 2: The City Council may elect not to not approve the attached resolution. The City will be required to return all grant funds to CalRecycle.

Alternative 3: City Council may consider another any other alternative not proposed by staff.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

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EXHIBITS/ATTACHMENTS

None