

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

To: Howard Levenson
Deputy Director, Materials Management and Local Assistance Division

From: Michelle Martin
Acting Branch Chief, Financial Resources Management Branch

Request Date: December 18, 2013

Subject: Awards for the Beverage Container Recycling Grant Program (California Beverage Container Recycling Fund, FY 2013/14)

Action By: January 21, 2014

Summary of Request:

Staff requests approval of grant awards for the Beverage Container Recycling Grant Program, Fiscal Year (FY) 2013/14. CalRecycle received 85 eligible applications requesting a total of \$8,959,733 for this competitive grant program. This request seeks approval for 11 grant awards (10 fully funded and 1 partially funded) to those passing applicants with the highest scores, totaling \$1,500,000. The recommendations are identified in Table 1.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of 11 grant awards (10 fully funded and 1 partially funded), as listed in Table 1 below, for \$1,500,000.

Table 1. Beverage Container Recycling Grant Program Recommended Award List

Applicant	Total Award
City of Alameda	\$78,688
City of Dinuba	\$165,000
Sierra Conservation Project, Inc.	\$108,122
Modesto City Schools	\$249,887
Culver City Unified School District	\$232,058
Friends of Cardiff and Carlsbad State Beaches	\$211,509
The Offset Project, Inc.	\$247,978
Loyola Marymount University	\$38,000
Sanger Unified School District	\$83,202
City of Roseville	\$75,859
Marymount California University (partially funded)	\$9,697
Total	\$1,500,000

Funding:

The FY 2013/14 Budget Act allocates \$1,500,000 to the Beverage Container Recycling Fund for the Beverage Container Recycling Grant Program.

Fund Source	Amount Available	Amount to Fund Item	Amount Remaining	Line Item
California Beverage Container Recycling Fund (FY 2013/14)	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$0	Beverage Container Recycling Grants
Total	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$0	

Deputy Director Action:

On the basis of the information and analysis in this Request for Approval and the findings set out herein, I hereby conditionally approve the grant awards for the Beverage Container Recycling Grant Program as listed in Table 1. Each proposed grantee’s award is conditional upon:

1. The full payment within 60 (sixty) days of the date of this grant award of all outstanding debt or scheduled payment(s) owed by the proposed grantee to CalRecycle; and
2. The return by the proposed grantee of a completed and executed Grant Agreement within 60 (sixty) days from the date that CalRecycle staff emails the Grant Agreement.

Dated: 1/6/14

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Background and Findings:

Statutory Authority

Public Resources Code, Division 12.1, Chapter 7, Section 14581(a)(5) authorizes CalRecycle to issue up to \$1,500,000 annually in the form of grants for beverage container recycling programs.

Program Background

The Beverage Container Recycling Grant Program offers competitive grants to cities, counties and other local agencies, public colleges and universities, public K-12 schools and school districts, private businesses generating four or more cubic yards of solid waste per week, qualifying Indian Tribes, and non-profit organizations. Grant funds can be used to implement new or enhance existing programs to provide convenient beverage container recycling opportunities in various locations statewide.

Criteria and Process

The Program Eligibility, Scoring Criteria, and Evaluation Process were discussed at the April 16, 2013, CalRecycle Public Meeting and subsequently approved by the Deputy Director. The Notice of Funds Available was posted on the CalRecycle website in June 2013 with an appropriate notice sent to stakeholders.

Due to limited available funding and the oversubscription of the grant program, minimum (\$5,000) and maximum (\$250,000) grant award amounts for a single jurisdiction applicant were established to create an equitable award distribution of funding to a greater pool of eligible applicants and viable projects.

Applications were due July 17, 2013, with a secondary due date of August 20, 2013 for Resolution submission. One hundred applications were received requesting a total of \$10,591,702. Fifteen applications that did not meet the program eligibility criteria were disqualified. Staff reviewed the remaining 85 eligible applications in accordance with the approved evaluation and scoring criteria. Forty-two applications received a passing score totaling \$4,783,838.26 but were not funded due to the program being oversubscribed. Table 1 lists the 11 applicants with the top passing scores.

The types of projects recommended for funding include implementation of beverage container recycling programs through education and outreach, purchase/installation of recycling bins for collection of CRV materials, and in some instances, the expansion of current recycling collection activities in critical (limited or non-existent) areas and locations. These include parks/recreational areas, schools/school districts, commercial businesses, and multi-family dwellings throughout California.

