

## REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

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

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

**Request Date:** June 1, 2016

**Decision Subject:** Awards for the Local Conservation Corps Grant Program (California Beverage Container Recycling Fund, Electronic Waste Recovery and Recycling Account, California Tire Recycling Management Fund, and California Used Oil Recycling Fund, FY 2016–17)

**Action By:** June 21, 2016

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### **Summary of Request**

Staff requests approval of grant awards for the Local Conservation Corps (LCC) Grant Program (Program) for fiscal year (FY) 2016–17. Staff received 13 applications requesting \$21,757,085 for this entitlement grant program.

### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends approval of 13 grant awards as listed in Table 1 below for \$21,757,085.

**Table 1. Local Conservation Corps Grant Program Award List**

<b>Local Conservation Corps Name</b>	<b>BCRF (COLA)*</b>	<b>E-Waste</b>	<b>Waste Tire</b>	<b>Used Oil</b>	<b>Total Award</b>
Civicorps Schools	\$519,775	\$615,384	\$384,615	\$153,846	\$1,673,620
Conservation Corps North Bay	\$519,775	\$615,384	\$384,615	\$153,846	\$1,673,620
Conservation Corps of Long Beach	\$519,775	\$615,384	\$384,615	\$153,846	\$1,673,620
Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission	\$519,775	\$615,384	\$384,615	\$153,846	\$1,673,620
Los Angeles Conservation Corps	\$519,775	\$615,384	\$384,615	\$153,846	\$1,673,620
Orange County Conservation Corps	\$519,775	\$615,384	\$384,615	\$153,846	\$1,673,620
Sacramento Regional Conservation Corps	\$519,775	\$615,384	\$384,615	\$153,846	\$1,673,620
San Francisco Conservation Corps	\$519,775	\$615,384	\$384,615	\$153,846	\$1,673,620

**Table 1. Continued**

Local Conservation Corps Name	BCRF (COLA)*	E-Waste	Waste Tire	Used Oil	Total Award
San Joaquin County Office of Education (dba Greater Valley Conservation Corps)	\$519,775	\$615,384	\$384,615	\$153,846	\$1,673,620
San Jose Conservation Corps	\$519,775	\$615,384	\$384,615	\$153,846	\$1,673,620
Sequoia Community Corps	\$519,775	\$615,384	\$384,615	\$153,846	\$1,673,620
Southern California Mountains Foundation**	\$519,785	\$615,392	\$384,620	\$153,848	\$1,673,645
Urban Corps of San Diego County	\$519,775	\$615,384	\$384,615	\$153,846	\$1,673,620
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$6,757,085</b>	<b>\$8,000,000</b>	<b>\$5,000,000</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>	<b>\$21,757,085</b>

*\*The Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) is calculated using a 2.1% Consumer Price Index, as provided by the Division of Recycling and detailed in the next Quarterly Report on the Status of the Beverage Container Recycling Fund.*

*\*\*Additional \$25 is the remainder that resulted from rounding each award to whole dollar amount and was awarded to newest certified corps.*

### Funding

The funding is comprised of allocations from four funds; the Electronic Waste Recovery and Recycling Account (\$8,000,000); the California Tire Recycling Management Fund (\$5,000,000); the California Used Oil Recycling Fund (\$2,000,000); and, the California Beverage Container Recycling Fund (\$6,757,085). The FY 2016–17 Budget Act allocates \$21,757,085 for the Program distributed among four program funds as shown in Table 2 below.

**Table 2. Funding**

Fund Source	Amount Available	Amount to Fund Item	Amount Remaining	Line Item
California Beverage Container Recycling Fund (FY 2016–17)	\$6,757,085	\$6,757,085	\$0	Grants
Electronic Waste Recovery and Recycling Account (FY 2016–17)	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$0	Grants
California Tire Recycling Management Fund (FY 2016–17)	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$0	Grants
California Used Oil Recycling Fund (FY 2016–17)	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$0	Grants

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### 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 Local Conservation Corps 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(s) or scheduled payment(s) owed by the proposed grantee to CalRecycle.
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: 6/14/16



Howard Levenson  
Deputy Director

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### Background and Findings

#### Statutory Authority

The Governor's FY 2016–17 budget (and Public Resources Code section 17001(b), subject to section 17002) authorizes CalRecycle to diversify funding for the LCCs by expending funds from the California Beverage Container Recycling Fund (\$6,757,085), Electronic Waste Recovery and Recycling Account (\$8,000,000), California Tire Recycling Management Fund (\$5,000,000), and California Used Oil Recycling Fund (\$2,000,000) in order to implement recycling and litter abatement programs and programs relating to the collection and recovery of used beverage containers, used oil, electronic waste and the clean-up and abatement of waste tires.

#### Program Background

California established the Program in 1993 with the purpose of supporting the success of disadvantaged youth through a structured program of conservation activities intended for, "conserving or developing natural resources and enhancing and maintaining environmentally important lands and waters through the use of California's young women and men..." (Statutes of 1993; Chapter 894).

The Program accomplishes these purposes in part through provision of community recycling services and litter abatement projects that collect and divert recyclable materials from landfills. Each LCC is certified annually by the California Conservation Corps and all LCCs work closely with their local jurisdictions to maximize resources and increase recycling knowledge, programs, and activities in their communities.

At present there are 13 certified LCCs that participate in a variety of recycling projects at schools, businesses, community events, large venues and multi-family complexes in support of the state's 75 percent solid waste recycling goal.

CalRecycle works in support of the LCCs to provide technical assistance, recommend projects, implement mutually supportive activities, and facilitate ongoing communication. LCCs have coordinated to share information and have established an inter-Corps committee to support development of activities and determine best practices related to used oil, waste tires, and E-waste. In FY 2016–17, the LCCs will be collaborating on statewide diversified fund projects.

#### Criteria and Process

All certified LCCs are eligible to apply for funding each year. The Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) was posted on the CalRecycle website on April 1, 2016. Notices were emailed on April 1, 2016, to notify all certified LCCs about the published NOFA. Applications were due April 28, 2016.

The Eligibility Criteria and Evaluation Process was discussed at the March 15, 2016, CalRecycle Public Meeting and subsequently approved by the Deputy Director. The standard funding methodology allocates funds from each funding source equally among the 13 LCCs. Beginning in FY 2016-17, CalRecycle allowed all LCCs to negotiate material funding amounts between organizations to maximize the effectiveness of individual recycling and recovery programs and provide flexibility. LCCs participated in funding discussions, however, no funding exchange agreements were entered into for FY 2016–17.

All funding is subject to availability of funds, legislative changes, and Grantee compliance. LCCs must be in good standing with CalRecycle to be eligible for grant awards (i.e., current non-profit status, good standing with the Secretary of State, and no outstanding debt due to CalRecycle which includes but is not limited to fines, penalties or unresolved audit findings).