



TO: T.C. Broadnax, City Manager
FROM: Michael P. Slevin III, P.E, Environmental Services Director *MPS*
COPY: City Council and City Clerk
SUBJECT: Request for Resolution: Department of Ecology Coordinated Prevention Grant
DATE: December 3, 2013

SUMMARY:

A resolution authorizing the execution of a grant agreement with the Washington State Department of Ecology, in the amount of \$653,874; accepting and depositing said sum into the ES Solid Waste Fund; and authorizing the expenditure of \$217,958 in City matching funds from the ES Solid Waste Fund, for a cumulative amount of \$871,832, to promote waste prevention and recycling activities.

BACKGROUND:

The City has applied for and received the Department of Ecology Coordinated Prevention Grant funds since the early 1990's. Every two years funds are made available to local solid waste planning agencies to promote waste prevention and recycling activities.

The City of Tacoma, in cooperation with the Pierce County Department of Sustainable Resources and the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, has applied for the grant funding. Funding levels are based on population. Due to budget issues during the state legislative session, staff changes at the Department of Ecology, and a transition from a two-year grant cycle to a cycle that matches the state biennium cycle, the grant approval process has been delayed this year. The grant period began July 1, 2013 and ends June 30, 2015.

This grant will help to fund the Solid Waste Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste Facility operations and conduct programs aimed to reduce the volume of toxicity of solid waste; and operate the Recycling Center, which is a free service available to all residents and businesses.

Recycling and waste reduction programs provide alternatives to disposal and support a better quality of life for all citizens. Recycling creates jobs at a seven-to-one ratio over disposal and recyclables are delivered to a local facility that employs local people to sort the recyclables into saleable commodities.

ISSUE:

Funding will be used to continue to operate the Recycling Center at Solid Waste Management, encourage and promote waste reduction and recycling activities throughout the city and encourage businesses to develop less toxic and more reusable/recyclable products. The grant also requires a 25 percent City match, which exceeds \$200,000 and requires City Council approval.

ALTERNATIVES:

If the grant is not accepted there may be missed opportunities to fund projects; and, activities already budgeted and planned may need to be paid for solely with Tacoma ratepayer funds.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Environmental Services Department recommends approving this grant to promote waste prevention and recycling activities, and authorize the expenditure of the required 25 percent grant match.



FISCAL IMPACT:

EXPENDITURES:

FUND NUMBER & FUND NAME *	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
ES Solid Waste Fund 4200	ENV-02009-01	Various	\$300,000
ES Solid Waste Fund 4200	514340	Various	\$358,499
ES Solid Waste Fund 4200	514360	Various	\$213,333
TOTAL			\$871,832

* General Fund: Include Department

REVENUES:

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
Department of Ecology Grant	512000	6232300	\$653,874
ES Solid Waste Fund 4200	512000	Various	\$217,958
TOTAL			\$871,832

POTENTIAL POSITION IMPACT: Not Applicable

FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: \$217,958

ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? Yes

IF EXPENSE IS NOT BUDGETED, PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW THEY ARE TO BE COVERED.

Not Applicable