

Solid Waste Excise Tax

November 15, 2022



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Litter and Debris Response Background

- Increased Calls for Litter and Debris Removal Services
 - 311 requests referred to Solid Waste Management (SWM) increased 17% from 2019 to 2021
 - SWM completed 4,491 requests in 2021 - Most common: illegal dumping (2,613) and debris (1,003)
- Increased Removal of Encampment Related Debris
- Relied on Federal and One-time Funds to Supplement Services for Tidy Up, Encampment Response, and Graffiti Removal in 2021-2022
- Efforts managed by multiple departments - ES, NCS, and PW
 - Lack of central point of contact
 - Process is inefficient and inconsistent which leads to longer response times & frustration

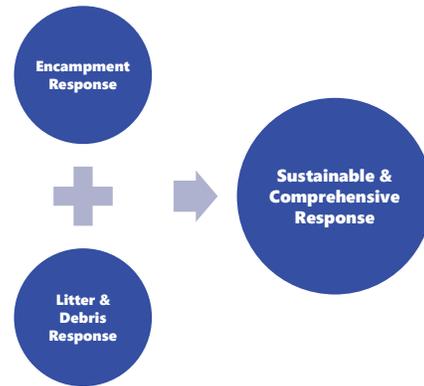
Given General Fund position and need for these services to be ongoing, staff proposes using a new funding source to continue and expand service levels

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Sustainable Litter and Debris Response

- Establish NEW Ongoing Funding for Efforts
- Expand Current Services to Meet Public Needs
- Centralize and Streamline Current Services
- Single central point of contact
 - Improved customer service
 - Quicker response times



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Excise Tax on Solid Waste Tax Impacts and Spending Plan

2023-2024 Projections	
Encampment Response	\$2.5 M
Litter & Debris Response	\$3.7 M
Sanitation Staff Support & Communication	\$0.7 M
Bill Payment Assistance (BCAP)	\$0.3 M
Total Expense	\$7.2 M
Total Estimated Funding	\$7.2 M

- 6% Excise Tax on Solid Waste Bill starting in April 2023
- \$3 per month for 60 Gallon Container
- Spending plan includes funding for Bill Payment Assistance (BCA)

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