



City of Arts & Innovation

# City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: DECEMBER 6, 2022

FROM: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SUBMISSION TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES RECYCLING AND RECOVERY BEVERAGE CONTAINER RECYCLING AND LITTER REDUCTION PROGRAM AND RECEIPT OF FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022/23 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$79,215.00 – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

## **ISSUE:**

Approve a Resolution authorizing the submission of a Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Program grant application to the California Department of Resources and Recovery and receipt of funds for Fiscal Year 2022/23 totaling \$79,215.00, or the actual awarded amount.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the City Council:

1. Adopt an amended and restated resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to apply for, and submit Funding Requests to, the CalRecycle for beverage container recycling and litter cleanup activities up to and including June 30, 2028;
2. Receive a grant for Fiscal Year 2022/23 in the amount of \$79,215.00, or the actual awarded amount, from the California Department of Resources and Recovery Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Program; and
2. With at least five affirmative votes, and upon grant award, authorize the Chief Financial Officer, or designee, to record an increase in revenue and appropriate expenditures in the amount of the grant award in the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund, Cal Recycle Beverage Container 22/23 Program.

## **BACKGROUND:**

On November 28, 2018, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 23385 authorizing the City Manager to execute on behalf of the City all necessary applications, contracts, payment requests, agreements, and amendments in the process of applying for and securing funds under the

California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery Fiscal Year 2018/19 Beverage Container Recycling City/County Payment program. The authority granted is valid through June 30, 2023. The City has received \$1,394,000 in Beverage Container Recycling funds to date.

## **DISCUSSION:**

The California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act administered by the Department of Resources and Recycling Recovery (Cal Recycle) is distributing \$10.5 million in Fiscal Year 2022/23 for the grant cycle. The funds are available to cities and counties specifically for beverage container recycling and litter clean-up activities. The goal of Cal Recycle's beverage container recycling program is to reach and maintain an 80% recycling rate for all California Refund Value (CRV) beverage containers - aluminum, glass, plastic, and bi-metal.

The current grant application is due January 17, 2023, and funds are anticipated to be distributed by Cal Recycle in April 2023.

The funds received will be used to target and develop programs to meet the goal of increased recycling. Activities will include supporting curbside recycling collection efforts using containers, flyers, utility inserts, and advertisements. No match of City funds is required.

The City of Riverside is eligible to receive \$79,215.00 in funding for Fiscal Year 2022/23, based on the per capita formula for distribution, which may be used over a two-year period for the following activities:

1. Purchase of curbside recycling containers for residential customers;
2. Outreach to schools to provide recycling education and presentations;
3. Development of new promotional and educational materials to inform residents;
4. Purchase of bottle and can recycling units for placement throughout the community; and
5. Increasing public education within the community and citywide departments to promote beverage container recycling.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

This item contributes to **Strategic Priority 4 – Environmental Stewardship** and **Goal 4.4** - to implement measures and educate the community to responsibly manage goods, products, and services throughout their lifecycle to achieve waste reduction outcomes.

The project aligns with each of the five Cross-Threads:

1. **Community Trust** – The Public Works - Solid Waste Division engages the community throughout the grant life cycle by promoting the education and outreach activities related to recycling.
2. **Equity** – The Public Works - Solid Waste Division is supportive of the City's equitable distribution of services to ensure every member of the community has equal access to share the benefits of community progress.

3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – The Public Works - Solid Waste Division is a prudent steward of grant funds and ensures deep collaboration with our grant partners throughout the entire lifecycle of the funds.
4. **Innovation** – The Public Works - Solid Waste Division prepares for the future by meeting the community’s changing needs by promoting the purchase of bottle and can recycling units for placement throughout the community.
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** – The Public Works - Solid Waste Division supports recycling because it is good for the community and the environment as it reduces the energy we use, improve the quality of air and water, and fights climate change.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The fiscal impact of this action is \$79,215.00. Upon Council approval and grant award, an increase in revenue and an appropriation of expenditures in the amount of the grant award will be recorded in the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund, Cal Recycle Beverage Container 22/23 Program revenue account 9347600-334100 and expenditure account 9347600-440210. There is no City match required for the award.

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Approved by: Kris Martinez, Assistant City Manager  
Approved as to form: Phaedra A. Norton, City Attorney

Attachments:

1. Resolution No. 23385 (valid up to June 30, 2023)
2. Funding Request Certification for Beverage Container Recycling FY 2022/23 Application
3. Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Program FY 2022/23 Guideline
4. Amended and Restated Resolution (valid up to June 30, 2028)