



CONSIDERATION OF A POTENTIAL SOLID WASTE S.H.A.R.E. PROGRAM

Public Works Department

Inclusiveness, Community Engagement, and Governmental Processes Committee

November 1, 2023

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BACKGROUND

1. June 27, 2023: City Council requested staff investigate a financial assistance program for solid waste customers
2. September 6, 2023: ICGC Committee considered a preliminary program
3. September 19, 2023: City Council approved new five-year rate plan



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SOLID WASTE SERVICES: ADDED VALUE

Special Services and Initiatives:

1. Disabled resident pickup assistance
2. Free "Bulky Item" pickup services
3. Clean Up Riverside
4. Support Beautify Riverside, Festival of Lights, and Keep Riverside Clean & Beautiful
5. Local career days & job fairs
6. Participate in City-hosted events: Truckapalooza & Insect Fair



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DISCUSSION

1. Proposed SHARE credit for solid waste was developed in proportion to existing credits offered for the RPU Water SHARE program.
2. Proposed program would start with a monthly credit of \$1.94 and increase to \$7.12 by the close of the proposed five-year rate plan.

Date	Proposed Monthly SHARE Credit
Nov. 2023	\$1.94
July 2024	\$3.24
July 2025	\$4.46
July 2026	\$5.75
July 2027	\$7.12




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DISCUSSION

Date	Proposed Rate Increase	Total Monthly Bill	Proposed Monthly SHARE Credit	Net Monthly Cost for SHARE Customers	Total Cost of Solid Waste SHARE Program
Current	-	\$33.78	-	-	-
November 2023	\$0.94	\$34.72	\$1.94	\$32.78	\$83,100 FY 23/24
July 2024	\$2.60	\$37.32	\$3.24	\$34.08	\$170,011 FY 24/25
July 2025	\$2.43	\$39.75	\$4.46	\$35.29	\$224,588 FY 25/26
July 2026	\$2.58	\$42.33	\$5.75	\$36.58	\$282,509 FY 26/27
July 2027	\$2.75	\$45.08	\$7.12	\$37.96	\$344,217 FY 27/28

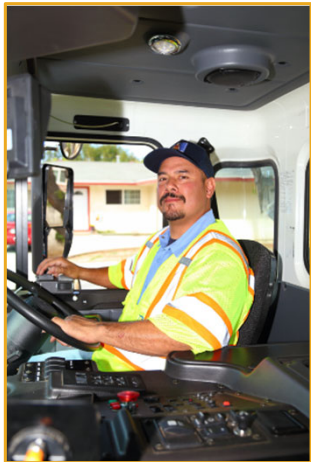

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DISCUSSION

1. A Solid Waste SHARE program could not be funded through rates.
 1. Refuse Fund Non-Rate Revenue – Recycling Fees, Curbside Material & Street Sweeping Fines
 2. General Fund
 3. American Rescue Plan Act
2. The program is anticipated to serve 3,679 residential customers and would be available Citywide
3. The total cost of the five-year program would be \$1,104,425




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DISCUSSION

1. Cost to operate the program through FY 23/24 is estimated at \$83,100.
2. Because of current impacts to the Refuse Fund, staff suggests programming the first year as a General Fund subsidy or using available ARPA funds



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STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

Strategic Priority 3 – Economic Opportunity

Cross-Cutting Threads



Community Trust



Fiscal Responsibility



Sustainability & Resiliency



Equity



Innovation



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RECOMMENDATION

That the Inclusiveness, Community Engagement, and Governmental Processes Committee recommend that the City Council approve the establishment of a SHARE program to assist qualifying City of Riverside Solid Waste customers.

