



City Council Memorandum

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: JUNE 24, 2024

FROM: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR AND SECURE FUNDS UNDER THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES RECYCLING AND RECOVERY (CALRECYCLE) BEVERAGE CONTAINER RECYCLING GRANT PROGRAM ANNUALLY THROUGH JUNE 30, 2030 AND ACCEPT THE CALRECYCLE FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 BEVERAGE CONTAINER RECYCLING GRANT PROGRAM AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275,000

ISSUE:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute documents necessary to apply for and secure funds under the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) Beverage Container Recycling Grant Program annually through June 30, 2030, and accept the CalRecycle Fiscal Year 2024-25 Beverage Container Recycling Grant Program award in the amount of \$275,000.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Accept the Beverage Container Recycling Grant from the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) for Fiscal Year 2024-25 in the amount of \$275,000; and
2. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute all necessary applications, contracts, payment requests, agreements and amendments in the process of applying for and securing funding under the Beverage Container Recycling Grant Program annually through June 30, 2030.

BACKGROUND:

On December 15, 2022, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 23664 authorizing the City Manager to execute on behalf of the City all necessary documents, contracts, payment requests,

agreements, and amendments necessary to apply for and secure funds under the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery Beverage Container Recycling Grant Program through June 30, 2025.

On September 17, 2024, the City Council authorized the submission of a Beverage Container Recycling Grant Program application to the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) for the Fiscal Year 2024-25 and Fiscal Year 2025-26 Beverage Container Recycling Grant Program, in the amount of \$275,000.

DISCUSSION:

The Public Works Department, Solid Waste Division applied for the Beverage Container Recycling Grant (RBC 36) ahead of the September 24, 2024 deadline. The Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) allocated \$1.5 million for each grant cycle for Fiscal Years 2024–25 (RBC 36) and 2025–26 (RBC 37). These funds are available to cities and counties to support beverage container recycling and litter clean-up efforts.

On April 2, 2025, CalRecycle awarded the City of Riverside the maximum grant amount of \$275,000 for its RBC 36 project. The approved project includes the following components:

1. Installation of approximately 20 dual recycling/landfill bins in high-traffic / downtown areas
2. Installation of approximately 15 water bottle refill stations at local parks, in collaboration with the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department
3. Implementation of a beverage container recycling education and outreach program to increase public awareness and participation

This grant will enhance the City's efforts to promote sustainable waste practices and reduce litter in public spaces.

Resolution No. 23664 is set to expire on June 30, 2025. To ensure continued authorization for the execution of grant-related documents by the City Manager or designee, the Solid Waste Division recommends adopting the attached resolution. This updated resolution will extend authorization for another 5 years, through the current grant term ending April 1, 2027 and future grant cycles, in accordance with CalRecycle program guidelines.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

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

This project aligns with each of the five Cross-Cutting Threads as follows:

1. **Community Trust** – By supporting educational activities and infrastructure improvements, the grant ensures informed decision-making and benefits the broader community.

2. **Equity** – Project will provide funding for recycling programs that reach all residents, regardless of their background or location
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – The City will support the efficient use of public funds by prioritizing projects that offer measurable benefits, such as improved recycling infrastructure and educational outreach. This prudent management aligns with Riverside’s goal of delivering quality public services while being financially responsible.
4. **Innovation** – The grant encourages innovative solutions for recycling and waste management, such as community-based education programs. By supporting creative approaches to recycling challenges, the grant helps Riverside adapt to evolving needs and prepare for future demands.
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** – By investing in recycling infrastructure and promoting sustainable practices, the grant helps Riverside build a resilient waste management system. This supports long-term environmental goals and ensures the city can effectively manage resources and adapt to changing conditions.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact related receiving this award and adopting the resolution related to the grant. On September 17, 2024, Council authorized submission of the grant application and approved a supplemental appropriation of \$275,000 upon receipt of the grant award; therefore, no additional fiscal impact is recognized in this report.

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Attachments:

1. Awards Request for Approval (CalRecycle)
2. September 17, 2024 City Council Report
3. Draft Resolution