

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

To: Howard Levenson
Deputy Director, Materials Management and Local Assistance Division

From: Michelle Martin
Branch Chief, Financial Resources Management Branch

Request Date: February 26, 2015

Decision Subject: Awards for the Beverage Container Recycling Grant Program (California Beverage Container Recycling Fund, FY 2014–15 and 2015–16)

Action By: March 17, 2015

Summary of Request:

Staff requests approval of grant awards for the Beverage Container Recycling Grant Program, Fiscal Years (FY) 2014–15 and 2015–16. CalRecycle received 30 eligible applications requesting a total of \$4,760,038 for this competitive grant program. A total of \$3 million (\$1.5 million per fiscal year) is available.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of 18 grant awards (including 17 fully funded grants and 1 partially funded grant), as listed in Table 1 (for Fiscal Year 2014–15) and Table 2 (for Fiscal Year 2015–16) below, for a grand total of \$2,857,290 for both fiscal years.

Table 1. Beverage Container Recycling Grant Program Recommended Award List FY 2014–15

Applicant	Total Award
Tehama County Sanitary Landfill Agency	\$100,301
San Diego County	\$50,341
San Luis Obispo County Integrated Waste Management Authority	\$250,000
Valley Women's Club Association of San Lorenzo Valley Incorporated	\$176,549
City of Martinez	\$92,987
San Francisco Community College District	\$134,400
Community Services & Employment Training, Inc.	\$133,318
City of Lancaster	\$152,894
Loyola Marymount University	\$66,500
Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District	\$200,000
Total	\$1,357,290

Table 2. Beverage Container Recycling Grant Program Recommended Award List FY 2015–16*

Applicant	Total Award
Town of Truckee	\$219,930
Friends of Cardiff and Carlsbad State Beaches	\$248,179
Urban Corps of San Diego County	\$149,939
City of Huntington Park	\$242,704
Environmental Charter Schools	\$71,640
Work Training Center for the Handicapped, Inc.	\$99,272
City of Irvine	\$248,340
City of Glendale (partially funded)	\$219,996
Total	\$1,500,000

*Grant Agreements for the awards listed in Table 2 will not be generated until July 2015.

Funding:

The California Beverage Container Recycling Fund allocates \$1,500,000 for FY 2014–15 and \$1,500,000 for FY 2015–16.

Fund Source	Amount Available	Amount to Fund Item	Amount Remaining	Line Item
California Beverage Container Recycling Fund (FY 2014–15)	\$1,500,000	\$1,357,290	\$142,710	Beverage Container Recycling Grants
California Beverage Container Recycling Fund (FY 2015–16)	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$0	Beverage Container Recycling Grants
Total	\$3,000,000	\$2,857,290	\$142,710	Beverage Container Recycling Grants

Deputy Director Action:

On the basis of the information and analysis in this Request for Approval and the findings set out herein, I hereby conditionally approve the grant awards for the Beverage Container Recycling Grant Program as listed in Tables 1 and 2. Each proposed grantee’s award is conditional upon:

1. The full payment within 60 (sixty) days of the date of this grant award of all outstanding debt(s) or scheduled payment(s) owed by the proposed grantee to CalRecycle.
2. The return by the proposed grantee of a completed and executed Grant Agreement within 60 (sixty) days from the date that CalRecycle staff emails the Grant Agreement.

Dated: 2/26/15



 Howard Levenson
 Deputy Director

Background and Findings:

Statutory Authority

Public Resources Code Section 14581(a)(4) authorizes the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to issue up to \$1,500,000 annually in the form of grants for beverage container recycling and litter reduction programs.

Program Background

The Beverage Container Recycling Grant Program offers competitive grants to California local government entities, regional programs, special districts, public colleges and universities, public school districts, non-profit organizations, and qualifying Indian Tribes to promote increased recycling of beverage containers throughout California and reduce beverage container litter in the waste stream.

Criteria and Process

The program eligibility, scoring criteria, and evaluation process were discussed at the June 17, 2014, CalRecycle Public Meeting and subsequently revised and approved by the Deputy Director on June 30, 2014. The Notice of Funds Available was posted on the CalRecycle website July 1, 2014, and a notice was sent to stakeholders. The minimum award amount is \$50,000 and the maximum individual grant award amount is \$250,000.

Applications were due July 31, 2014, for Phase One of the application process. CalRecycle received 58 applications requesting a total of \$7,202,812. Applications were evaluated in two phases. In Phase One, applicants were required to submit a Narrative Concept, Application Certification, and Letter of Commitment or draft Resolution. CalRecycle evaluated applications for completeness, eligibility, and a pass or fail score of the Narrative Concept. CalRecycle disqualified a total of 28 applications that did not submit a complete application, did not meet the program eligibility criteria, or did not receive a passing score on the Narrative Concept.

Subsequently the 30 eligible applicants were invited to participate in Phase Two of the application process, with a secondary due date of October 28, 2014, for all required documents. Staff reviewed the remaining eligible applications in accordance with the approved evaluation and Phase Two scoring criteria. Of those, 18 applications received a passing score, requesting a total of \$2,857,290. The remaining eligible applicants did not receive a minimum passing score of 70. Table 1 and Table 2 list the 18 applicants (17 fully funded and 1 partially funded) in rank order of passing scores.

The appropriation of \$1,500,000 in FY 2014–15 will not be entirely utilized. A total of \$142,710 will revert back to the California Beverage Container Recycling Fund. Due to the complexity of administering a split-funded grant, staff does not recommend funding a project between fiscal years. A split-funded project between fiscal years would require that CalRecycle administer two grant agreements, budgets, and potentially two work plans for the same project. In the event that funding could not be utilized as planned for the FY 2014–15 year award, the grantee would lose the funding and the funds would not roll over into FY 2015–16 award. Staff does not recommend partially funding any grant in FY 2014–15.

The appropriation for FY 2015–16 is \$1,500,000. The City of Glendale initially requested \$224,634. However, 7 grant projects scored higher with a total requested amount of \$1,280,004. CalRecycle will decrease the City of Glendale's initial request from \$224,634 to \$219,996. The City of Glendale has agreed to the reduced amount.

The types of projects recommended for funding include implementation of beverage container recycling programs through education and outreach, the purchase and or installation of recycling bins for collection of California Refund Value materials, and in some instances, the expansion of current recycling collection activities in underserved areas and locations. Eligible projects include multi-family dwellings (five units

or more), public colleges and universities, public K-12 school districts, outreach and education (multi-family), and community events including, but not limited to, those sponsored by local jurisdictions and parks and recreational areas throughout California.