

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

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

From: Shirley Willd-Wagner
Branch Chief, Financial Resources Management

Request Date: May 31, 2011

Decision Subject: Awards for the Local Conservation Corps Grant Program (California Beverage Container Recycling Fund, FY 2011/12)

Action By: June 7, 2011

Summary of Request:

Staff requests approval of grant awards for the Local Conservation Corps (LCC) Grant Program. The total funding available for Fiscal Year 2011/2012 Local Conservation Corps Grants is \$19,501,680 (\$15 million plus the \$4,501,680 cost of living adjustment (COLA). CalRecycle awards a base allocation of \$1,333,000 to each of 12 corps and a base allocation of \$750,000 to the San Joaquin County Office of Education, DBA San Joaquin Regional Conservation Corps, which was newly certified in 2010/2011. The remaining \$2,755,680 is distributed on a competitive basis according to each eligible corps' FY 2009/2010 CRV volume reports.

Staff received 13 applications requesting \$19,501,680.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of 13 LCC grant awards as listed in Table 1 on page 2.

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 LCC Grant Program for FY 2011/12. Each proposed Grantee award is conditioned upon:

1. The full payment within 90 (ninety) days of the date of this grant award of all outstanding debt(s) or scheduled payment(s) owed by the proposed Grantee to CalRecycle; and
2. The return, by the proposed Grantee, of a completed and executed Grant Agreement by June 15, 2011.

Dated: 6/6/11



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Table 1

Organization Name	Award Amount
Civicorps Schools	\$1,484,094
San Francisco Conservation Corps	\$1,423,336
Los Angeles Conservation Corps	\$1,632,699
San Jose Conservation Corps	\$1,606,667
Sacramento Regional Conservation Corps	\$1,391,028
Conservation Corps of Long Beach	\$1,422,473
Urban Corps of San Diego County	\$1,751,730
Fresno Local Conservation Corps	\$1,447,399
Orange County Conservation Corps	\$1,844,434
Conservation Corps North Bay	\$1,501,248
Sequoia Community Corps	\$1,877,629
San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps	\$1,368,943
San Joaquin County Office of Education, DBA San Joaquin Regional Conservation Corps	\$750,000
Total	\$19,501,680

Background and Findings:Statutory Authority:

Pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 14581(a)(3)(A), the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) is authorized to expend \$15,000,000 plus a COLA annually in the form of grants for beverage container litter reduction programs and recycling programs issued to certified Local Conservation Corps (LCCs).

Program Background:

The Program provides annual funding to 13 certified Local Conservation Corps for beverage container recycling projects that assist in achieving an 80% recycling rate for the State. Historically, use of this funding was not contingent upon a signed Governor's budget. Corps were able to submit an advance invoice at the beginning of the new fiscal year (July 1).

Criteria and Process

Grant Guidelines and Applications were emailed March 3, 2011 to the 13 certified Local Conservation Corps. Applications were due April 4, 2011.

All certified Local Conservation Corps are eligible to apply for funding each year.

Based on methodology developed by CalRecycle, in cooperation with the Local Conservation Corps, the base funding allocation for each certified corps is \$1,333,000 for FY 2011-12. Any newly certified corps, such as the San Joaquin Regional Conservation Corps, receives a base allocation of \$500,000 the first year of eligibility, \$750,000 the second year, and an equal share of the non-competitive portion of funds the following years. In addition, the corps compete for the remaining funding, totaling \$2,755,680 based on the CRV volume collected for FY 2009-10, the latest year for which reports are available; the competitive pool of funding is distributed proportionally according to each corps' prior fiscal year CRV volume reports. All funding is subject to availability of funds, legislative changes, and Grantee compliance.

Funding Information

Fund Source	Amount Available	Amount to Fund Item	Amount Remaining	Line Item
California Beverage Container Recycling Fund FY 2011/12	\$19,501,680 (\$15 million + Cost-of-Living Adjustment)	\$19,501,680	\$0	Grants

