

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL**

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

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

**Request Date:**       March 26, 2012

**Decision Subject:**   Awards for the Beverage Container Recycling Grant Program (California Beverage Container Recycling Fund, FYs 2011/12 and 2012/13)

**Action By:**           March 29, 2012

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**Summary of Request:** Staff requests approval of grant awards for the Beverage Container Recycling Grant (BCRG) Program, Fiscal Years (FYs) 2011/12 and 2012/13.

CalRecycle received 166 concept applications requesting a total of \$24,279,533. This request seeks approval for 40 grants. Table 1 identifies 13 applications recommended for funding in FY 2011/12, totaling \$740,714. Table 2 identifies 27 applications recommended for funding in FY 2012/13, totaling \$1,500,000 contingent on passage of the FY 2012/13 state budget.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends approval of all 40 grant awards as listed in Table 1 and Table 2 below, for a total of \$2,240,714, with FY 2012/13 funding contingent upon passage of the FY 2012/13 state budget.

**Table 1. Beverage Container Recycling Grant Program Recommended Award List FY 2011/12**

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Award Amount</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup> District Agricultural Association	\$36,457
Allan Hancock Community College District	\$30,000
Associated Students, California State University, Chico	\$53,849
Associated Students, California State University, Long Beach	\$41,000
California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation	\$10,000
California Institute of Technology (Caltech)	\$56,000
City of Calabasas	\$19,500
City of Carlsbad	\$13,500
City of Chico	\$38,912
City of Eastvale	\$55,000
City of Oceanside	\$20,000
City of Pasadena	\$80,000
City of Pleasant Hill	\$30,000
City of Sunnyvale	\$5,983

**Table 1. (Cont.) Beverage Container Recycling Grant Program Recommended Award List FY2011/12**

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Award Amount</b>
Crossroads Community Church	\$10,000
Culver City Unified School District	\$23,840
David Lubin Elementary Parent Teacher Organization	\$2,287
Kimball High School	\$14,000
Loyola Marymount University	\$30,000
Marin County Hazardous and Solid Waste Joint Powers Authority	\$31,000
Padre Dam Municipal Water District	\$8,000
Paradise Recreation and Park District	\$21,786
Poet Christian School	\$5,500
San Jose State University Research Foundation	\$35,000
San Juan Unified School District	\$35,100
Town of Paradise	\$20,000
Tracy High School	\$14,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$740,714</b>

**Table 2. Beverage Container Recycling Grant Program Recommended Award List FY 2012/13**

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Award Amount</b>
Bakersfield Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc.	\$100,000
California Department of Parks and Recreation	\$81,440
City of Brentwood	\$119,000
City of Santa Clarita	\$120,000
City of Thousand Oaks	\$202,938
City of West Sacramento	\$124,174
Humboldt State University	\$76,265
Pena's Disposal	\$140,000
San Diego Unified School District	\$120,000
San Luis Obispo County Integrated Waste Management Authority	\$87,000
San Luis Obispo County Integrated Waste Management Authority	\$110,000
West Los Angeles College	\$75,000
Yosemite Community College District	\$144,183
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>

**Funding:**

The California Beverage Container Recycling Fund allocates \$750,000 for FY 2011/12 and \$1,500,000 for FY 2012/13.

Fund Source	Amount Available	Amount to Fund Item	Amount Remaining	Line Item
Beverage Container Recycling Fund (FY 2011/12)	\$750,000	\$740,714	\$9,286	Beverage Container Grants
*Beverage Container Recycling Fund (FY 2012/13)	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$0	Beverage Container Grants
<b>Total:</b>	\$2,250,000	\$2,240,714	\$9,286	Beverage Container Grants

\*Pending Budget Approval

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**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 BCRG Program as listed in Tables 1 and 2, with FY 2012/13 funding contingent on passage of the FY 2012/13 state budget. Each proposed grantee's award is conditional 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 within 90 (ninety) days from the date that CalRecycle staff mails the Grant Agreement.

Dated: 3/28/12



Howard Levenson  
Deputy Director

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**Background and Findings:**

Statutory Authority

Public Resources Code (PRC), Division 12.1, Chapter 7, Section 14581(a)(5) 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 programs.

### Program Background

The BCRG Program provides grant funding to communities to identify opportunities in addressing recycling challenges, aid in increasing beverage container collection, and reducing beverage container litter in the waste stream.

On March 8, 2010, AB 7 (8X) (Chapter 5, Statutes of 2010) was enacted as an urgency measure to address matters of fiscal solvency for the Beverage Container Recycling Fund, which ultimately suspended the appropriation of the BCRG Program until January 1, 2012. Available grant funding is \$750,000 for FY 2011/12 (January 2012 – June 2012) and \$1,500,000 for FY 2012/13.

### Criteria and Process

The application process, applicant eligibility, project eligibility, and evaluation process were discussed at the August 16, 2011, CalRecycle Meeting and subsequently approved by the Deputy Director. The Notice of Funds Availability was placed on the CalRecycle website in August 2011, with an appropriate notice sent to stakeholders.

Eligible applicants for this grant program included individuals, government entities, businesses and non-profit organizations. CalRecycle sought projects that implement new or enhance existing programs to provide convenient beverage container recycling opportunities in various locations statewide. CalRecycle received 166 eligible concept applications requesting a total of \$24,279,533 for the \$2,250,000 in available funding.

The application process consisted of two phases.

**Phase 1 Concept:** In Phase 1, interested applicants: (a) explained how their organization is qualified to implement the project, (b) briefly summarized the project description, and (c) briefly explained the project need. Staff disqualified six applications either for late submission (received after the final filing date) or for being incomplete. An evaluation team reviewed each concept, determined whether the three requirements were met, and assigned a “pass” or “fail” score.

**Phase 2 Proposal:** Applicants who received a “pass” score in Phase 1 were invited to develop their concept into a full proposal. Seventy-nine (79) applications were invited to submit full proposals in Phase 2. Six applicants withdrew and four applicants did not submit a proposal. The submitted proposal provided a thorough description of the project; explained why the project was needed; described the existing beverage container recycling collection system (if any) and identified improvements made; identified partnership opportunities; identified/addressed challenges; identified goals/objectives; identified strategies to be implemented; described budget items/matching funds; developed a work plan; identified how volume will be collected; described how progress/success will be evaluated; and developed a detailed plan for project sustainability at the end of the grant term.

A total of 69 proposals requesting \$6,100,000 were evaluated and scored by the evaluation committee based on the Phase 2 criteria. Scores were based on the merits of the information submitted in the proposal. Grant funds are sufficient for awards to the 40 proposals receiving the highest scores. The remaining amount of \$9,286 for FY 2011/12 was insufficient to fund a partial project. The amount of funding requested in Phase 1 was the amount considered throughout Phase 2. Requests for additional funds were denied.

The types of projects recommended for funding includes the development of new and/or enhancement of an existing beverage container recycling infrastructure. All projects proposed to purchase/install recycling bins and/or equipment, and provide recycling outreach/education in schools, colleges, universities, parks/recreation areas, State buildings, multi-family dwellings, and businesses to meet commercial recycling mandates. In addition, partnerships with local waste haulers and Local Conservation Corps were identified in some proposals to ensure project success.