

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

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

From: **Shirley Willd-Wagner**
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Request Date: May 30, 2012

Decision Subject: Awards for the Local Conservation Corps Grant Program (California Beverage Container Recycling Fund, FY 2012/13)

Action By: June 5, 2012

Summary of Request: Staff requests approval of grant awards for the Local Conservation Corps (LCC) Grant Program. The total funding available for Fiscal Year 2012/13 LCC Grants is \$20,072,788 (\$15 million plus the \$5,072,788 cost of living adjustment (COLA). CalRecycle awards a base allocation of \$1,158,045 to each of the 13 corps. The remaining \$5,018,197 is distributed on a competitive basis (15% is based on the corps prior year CRV collection volumes with the remaining 10% based on their CRV volume increase from two years prior). Staff received 13 applications requesting \$20,072,788.

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of 13 LCC grant awards as listed in Table 1 below, for \$20,072,788.

Table 1. Local Conservation Corps Grant Program Recommended Award List

Applicant Name	Total Award
Civicorps Schools	\$1,298,246
Conservation Corps of Long Beach	\$1,387,576
Conservation Corps North Bay	\$1,332,877
Fresno Local Conservation Corps	\$1,595,316
Los Angeles Conservation Corps	\$1,447,346
Orange County Conservation Corps	\$1,779,975
Sacramento Regional Conservation Corps	\$1,287,307
San Francisco Conservation Corps	\$1,242,239
San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps (conditional)	\$1,191,459
San Joaquin County Office of Education, DBA San Joaquin Regional Conservation Corps	\$1,213,383
San Jose Conservation Corps	\$1,366,050
Sequoia Community Corps	\$2,644,253
Urban Corps of San Diego County	\$2,286,761
Total	\$20,072,788

Funding: The FY 2012/13 Budget Act allocates \$20,072,788 to the Beverage Container Recycling Fund for the LCC Grant Program.

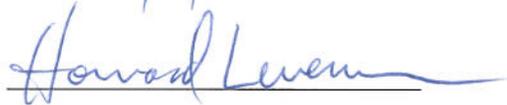
Fund Source	Amount Available	Amount to Fund Item	Amount Remaining	Line Item
California Beverage Container Recycling Fund FY 2012/13	\$20,072,788 (\$15 million + \$5,072,788 for Cost-of-Living Adjustment)	\$20,072,788	\$0	Grants

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 LCC Grant Program for FY 2012/13. Each proposed Grantee 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 emails the Grant Agreement.

Dated: 6/7/12



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Deputy Director

Background and Findings:

Statutory Authority

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

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 may submit an advance payment request for up to 25% of their annual grant award at the beginning of the new fiscal year (July 1).

Criteria and Process

Grant Guidelines and Applications were emailed March 30, 2012 to the 13 certified Local Conservation Corps. Applications were due April 25, 2012.

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

Based on the new methodology recommended by CalRecycle, in cooperation with the Local Conservation Corps, the base funding allocation for each certified corps is \$1,158,045 for FY 2012-13. This allocation method provides 75% of the total funding as a base amount to be distributed equally to all eligible corps, with the remaining 25% of funds distributed competitively (15% is based on the corps prior year CRV collection volumes with the remaining 10% based on their CRV volume increase from two years prior). Any newly certified corps, will receive a base allocation of \$500,000 the first year of eligibility, \$600,000 the second year, \$700,000 in the third year, \$800,000 in the fourth year and an equal share of the base funding in the following years. All funding is subject to availability of funds, legislative changes, and Grantee compliance. Corps must be in good standing with CalRecycle to be eligible for grant awards (i.e., no outstanding debt that includes but is not limited to fines, penalties or audit findings due CalRecycle).

