

## REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

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

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

**Request Date:** ~~May 24, 2013~~ July 6, 2015

**Decision Subject:** Awards for the Local Conservation Corps Grant Program (California Beverage Container Recycling Fund, FY 2013-14)

**Action By:** ~~June 14, 2013~~ July 10, 2015

**Summary of Request:** Staff requests approval of grant awards for the Local Conservation Corps (LCC) Grant Program. The total funding available for Fiscal Year (FY) 2013-14 LCC Grants is \$20,643,393: \$15 million plus the \$5,643,393 cost of living adjustment (COLA). CalRecycle awards a base allocation of \$1,162,119 to each of the 13 existing corps and \$500,000 for newly certified Southern California Mountains Foundation. The remaining \$5,035,848 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 14 applications requesting \$20,643,393.

Funding from San Gabriel Valley's FY 2013-14 award of \$1,340,085 was redistributed to 13 of the Local Conservation Corps in July 2015.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends approval of 14 LCC grant awards as listed in Table 1 below, for ~~\$20,643,393~~ \$19,303,308.

**Table 1. RLC28 Local Conservation Corps Grant Program Recommended Award List**

<b>Applicant Name</b>	<b>Total Award</b>
Civicorps Schools	\$1,472,629
Conservation Corps of Long Beach	\$1,192,344
Conservation Corps North Bay	\$1,523,591
Fresno Local Conservation Corps	\$1,570,223
Los Angeles Conservation Corps	\$2,221,861
Orange County Conservation Corps	\$1,941,869
Sacramento Regional Conservation Corps	\$1,424,486
San Francisco Conservation Corps	\$1,369,192
San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps *	<del>\$1,340,085</del> <u>\$0</u>
San Joaquin County Office of Education, (DBA San Joaquin Regional Conservation Corps)	\$1,503,044
San Jose Conservation Corps	\$1,369,394
Sequoia Community Corps	\$1,540,411
Urban Corps of San Diego County	\$1,674,264
Southern California Mountains Foundation (DBA Urban Conservation Corps of Inland Empire)	\$500,000
<b>Total</b>	<del><b>\$20,643,393</b></del> <u><b>\$19,303,308</b></u>

\* This award is contingent upon San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps meeting all stipulations of the Corrective Action Plan (Amended 2013).

**Table 2. RLC28A Local Conservation Corps Grant Program Recommended Award Redistribution List**

Applicant Name	Total Award
Civicorps Schools	\$103,083
Conservation Corps of Long Beach	\$103,083
Conservation Corps North Bay	\$103,083
Fresno Local Conservation Corps	\$103,083
Los Angeles Conservation Corps	\$103,083
Orange County Conservation Corps	\$103,083
Sacramento Regional Conservation Corps	\$103,083
San Francisco Conservation Corps	\$103,083
San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps *	**\$103,089
San Joaquin County Office of Education, (DBA San Joaquin Regional Conservation Corps)	\$103,083
San Jose Conservation Corps	\$103,083
Sequoia Community Corps	\$103,083
Urban Corps of San Diego County	\$103,083
<b>RLC28A Total</b>	<b>\$1,340,085</b>
<b>FY 2013–14 Funding Total</b>	<b>\$20,643,393</b>

\*This award is contingent upon San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps meeting all stipulations of their Corrective Action Plan (Amended April 2015).

\*\*Additional \$6 due to rounding to whole dollar amounts.

**Funding:** The FY 2013–14 Budget Act Pursuant to California Statutes of 2013, Public Resources Code 14581(a)(3)(A) allocates \$20,643,393 \$15,000,000 plus a Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) annually to the California Beverage Container Recycling Fund for the LCC Grant Program. These funds are continuously appropriated.

Fund Source	Amount Available	Amount to Fund Item	Amount Remaining	Line Item
California Beverage Container Recycling Fund (FY 2013–14)	\$20,643,393*	\$20,643,393	\$0	Grants

\*\$15,000,000 + \$5,643,393 for Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA)

**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 as listed in Table 1 and Table 2. Each proposed Grantee 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; and

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.

**Condition Subsequent**

~~After the Grant Agreement has been executed by both parties, the Grant will be subject to the following condition subsequent: The Grantee may not file for protection under Chapter 9 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or declare a fiscal emergency any time within the Grant Term~~

Dated: 7/8/15



Howard Levenson  
Deputy Director

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**Background and Findings:**

Statutory Authority

Pursuant to California Statutes of 2013, Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 14581(a)(3)(A), 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 LCC Grant Program provides annual funding to Local Conservation Corps certified by the California Conservation Corps for beverage container recycling projects that assist in achieving an 80 percent 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 percent of their annual grant award at the beginning of the new fiscal year (July 1). Advances will not be allowed for the revised awards.

Criteria and Process

All certified Local Conservation Corps are eligible to apply for funding each year. The Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) was posted on the CalRecycle web site on May 3, 2013, with an appropriate notice sent to the 14 certified Local Conservation Corps. Applications were due May 28, 2013.

Based on the approved methodology, the base funding allocation for each certified corps is \$1,162,119 for FY 2013-14. This allocation method provides 75 percent of the total funding as a base amount to be distributed equally to all eligible corps, with the remaining 25 percent of funds distributed competitively (15 percent is based on the corps, prior year CRV collection volumes with the remaining 10 percent 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).

The recommended award list was revised in July 2015 to account for the redistribution of San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corp's funding allocation among 13 Local Conservation Corps. Southern California Mountain Foundations was not eligible to receive additional funds as they are newly certified and are subject to receiving a graduated base allocation. Funding will be available until June 30, 2016.