

**STAFF REPORT**  
**City of Lancaster**

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Date: November 8, 2011

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Robert C. Neal, Director of Public Works

Subject: **California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery Eligible Grant Programs for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 through Fiscal Year 2016-2017**

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**Recommendation:**

Adopt **Resolution No. 11-76**, approving the application for grant funds from CalRecycle; and if selected, approving the execution of a standard agreement and any amendments thereto; and any related documents necessary to participate in all eligible CalRecycle Grants within the City of Lancaster. Authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute any documents necessary to receive such funds and to take other actions as needed to facilitate all eligible grants applied for, through CalRecycle, in their entirety.

**Fiscal Impact:**

None.

**Background:**

The Public Works Utilities Services Division staff routinely submits applications to CalRecycle in order to receive grant funds for environmental abatement and cleanup projects. As a requirement of all eligible CalRecycle Grant Programs, an approved resolution is required to adopt each application and its implementation. If efforts are successful in acquiring the award of grant funds, the City will use the funds to address illegal disposal activities, recycling opportunities, public education, and immediate health and safety hazards within our community.

The cleanup of solid waste sites and solid waste at co-disposal sites where the responsible party is unknown, unwilling, or unable to pay for timely remediation and where cleanup is required to protect public health and safety and/or the environment is the primary goal of all CalRecycle Grants. Additionally, these grant programs will develop and maintain recycling programs throughout the community. Historically, properties where illegal dumping occurs lose economic value; create public health and safety problems; and degrade the enjoyment and pride in the affected communities.

All awarded CalRecycle grants will directly support our efforts to increase services for our citizens and the community as a whole, and enhance methods to remove solid waste that poses a health and safety hazard and a source of blight within the community. Additionally, this program conforms to the City of Lancaster's "Going Green" philosophy and works in harmony with the goals and directives of the Public Works Department's environmental compliance objectives and community service goals.

**Attachment:**

Resolution No. 11-76

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