

STAFF REPORT
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Date: February 28, 2012

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Robert C. Neal, Director of Public Works

Subject: **Illegal Disposal Sites Abatement Grant Program**

Recommendation:

Approve the appropriation of \$301,531.00 in grant funds from the California Integrated Waste Management Board 2011/12 Illegal Disposal Sites Abatement Grant Program to Revenue Account No. 330-3304-300 and corresponding Expense Account No. 330-4755-770.

Fiscal Impact:

Appropriate \$301,531.00 in grant funding. There is no City match requirement for this grant.

Background:

The City of Lancaster was awarded \$301,531.00 in grant funds from the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) from 2012 to 2015 to fund an Illegal Disposal Sites Abatement program. These funds will be used for illegal dumping activities to respond to and remove illegally dumped material through the following actions:

- Solid Waste Removal: Maintenance personnel will sort, remove, and recycle illegally disposed materials throughout public property and vacant land within City limits.
- Emergency Response/Public Safety Cleanup: Assigned maintenance personnel will respond to illegal dumping spills, right-of-way obstructions and affected alleyways.
- Operations: City Staff will monitor illegal dumping activity, report grant activities, and conduct enforcement actions.
- Security: Public Works staff will use grading techniques along public property to create barriers along entrances that lead to prominent illegal disposal sites, and deploy cameras to observe and enforce illegal dumping activity.

Funds are received on a reimbursement basis and corresponding accounts have already been established. As such, staff recommends that the City Council appropriate the grant funds and authorize staff to expend the funds according to the grant agreement requirements.

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