

STAFF REPORT
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Date: March 27, 2012

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Robert C. Neal, Director of Public Works

Subject: **Farm and Ranch Grant Program**

Recommendation:

Approve the appropriation of \$88,171.00 in grant funds from the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery 2011/12 Farm and Ranch Grant Program to Revenue Account No. 330-3304-400 and corresponding Expense Account No. 330-4755-772.

Fiscal Impact:

Appropriate \$88,171.00 in grant funding. There is no City match requirement for this grant.

Background:

The City of Lancaster was awarded \$88,171.00 in grant funds from the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) from January 2012 until May 2013 to fund a Farm and Ranch Cleanup program. These funds will be used to abate, clean, and restore distressed farm and ranch properties that have been inundated by illegal dumping activities through the following actions:

- Solid Waste Removal: Maintenance personnel will sort, remove, and recycle illegally disposed materials throughout distressed farm, ranch, and agricultural property within assigned locations.
- Recycling: Assigned maintenance personnel involved in abatement activities will identify, sort, and organize recyclables for removal in accordance with grant guidelines.
- Operations: City staff will monitor remediation actions, report grant activities, and conduct enforcement actions if needed.
- Security: Public Works staff will use grading techniques along public property to create barriers along entrances that lead to prominent illegal disposal sites, and install signs to warn violators of the penalties of illegal dumping.

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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