

STAFF REPORT
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Date: July 22, 2014

To: Mayor Parris and Council Members

From: Brian S. Ludicke, Planning Director

Subject: California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery Eligible Grant Programs for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 through Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Recommendation:

Adopt **Resolution No. 14-47**, approving the application for grant funds from CalRecycle for which the City of Lancaster is eligible; 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 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 for this particular action. If the City is successful in this grant process, additional funding will be available to the City for approved recycling and recovery activities.

Background:

The Development Services Department staff routinely submits applications to CalRecycle in order to receive grant funds for environmental abatement and cleanup projects. As a component of all CalRecycle grant applications, an approved resolution is required authorizing the submittal of the application and the implementation of the program. 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 programs, and degrade the enjoyment and pride in 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 Development Services Department's environmental compliance objectives and community service goals.

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Attachment:

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