

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 23RECYCLING PARTNERSHIP GRANT

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize the Application for, and, if Awarded, Acceptance of a Recycling Partnership Grant in an Amount Up to \$160,000.00, Authorize Execution of a Grant Agreement with The Recycling Partnership, and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the application for, and, if awarded, acceptance of a grant from The Recycling Partnership in an amount up to \$160,000.00;
 2. Authorize the execution of a grant agreement with The Recycling Partnership; and
 3. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating Other Fund, subject to receipt of the grant, in the amount of \$160,000.00 for the purpose of funding costs associated with the Recycling Education Program.
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DISCUSSION:

In 2020, the Code Compliance Department, Solid Waste Division worked with The Recycling Partnership, a nationwide non-profit organization, on ways to improve recycling education for residents of Fort Worth. At that time, City staff learned that a grant program was available to help cities improve their recycling education. Initial discussions and planning occurred, but was suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In June of 2022, The Recycling Partnership informed the Solid Waste Division that grant funds remained available to the City of Fort Worth.

The Code Compliance Department, Solid Waste Division recommends applying for this grant during Fiscal Year 2023 to support increased recycling education. Funds will be utilized to send teams of Solid Waste staff paired with outside contract labor to underperforming areas of the City to inspect recycling cart contents and to provide educational materials to residents.

The grant has a reimbursement component and a direct payment component. The total grant value is up to \$400,000.00 (up to \$240,000.00 of this amount will be paid directly to vendors by The Recycling Partnership and up to \$160,000.00 of this amount will be a grant to the City on a reimbursement basis). There are no local matching funds required for this grant. This grant does not support any staff positions within the Code Compliance Department.

The grant will serve ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations, execution of the agreement, and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance, funds will be available in the current operating budget, as appropriated, in the Grants Operating Other Fund. The Code Compliance Department, Solid Waste Division, (and Financial Management Services) will be responsible for collection and deposit of funds due to the City. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Code Compliance Department, Solid Waste Division, has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds. This is a reimbursement grant.

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