

A Resolution of the Council of The City of San Diego authorizing the application for and acceptance of grant funds from the California Department of Resources, Recycling, and Recovery (CalRecycle).

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Descriptive Summary of Item:

The Solid Waste Local Enforcement Agency is requesting a five-year resolution to apply for and accept tire related grants from the California Department of Resources, Recycling, and Recovery (CalRecycle). The LEA has been receiving these grants since 1999. The grants cover labor costs, training, outreach, tire clean-ups, equipment, and transportation costs related to waste tire enforcement and clean-up. These are reimbursement grants without matching fund requirements. The City has been providing tire enforcement to the collaborating cities of Imperial Beach, Chula Vista, and El Cajon.

Staff Recommendation:

Adopt the Resolution.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF ITEM BACKGROUND:

The City of San Diego's Solid Waste Local Enforcement Agency is requesting non-competitive, non-matching grant funds from CalRecycle to continue its ongoing successful and effective inspection, surveillance, enforcement, and cleanup projects designed to prevent illicit tire disposal and to assure a high level of compliance with applicable state laws and regulations. The grant will allow the LEA to continue to provide regulatory guidance to businesses and when necessary take enforcement action to remedy threats to public health and safety and the environment. The LEA currently has collaborative relationships with the cities of Chula Vista, Imperial Beach and El Cajon and may expand to other jurisdictions in the San Diego region during future grant cycles. Please find the attached Resolution authorizing the LEA execute these programs in other jurisdictions.

Annually the Tijuana River Valley is severely impacted by waste tires and trash from illegal dumping that occurs along ravines and tributaries on both sides of the California/Mexico border. Also waste tires impact other water ways such as Chollas Creek and other waterways during storm events. The LEA grant funds ease budget constraints of other Departments and government agencies by funding the cleanup, removal, transportation and proper recycling or disposal of waste tires. The LEA also assists in providing funding for the disposal of tires removed from public right-of-ways collected and stockpiled by other Departments. Accumulations of tires that are not properly managed can become harborage for disease carrying rodents and mosquitoes. Also, tire piles can pose a fire hazard.

Another program available to the LEA is the Tire Amnesty grant program that allows the LEA - either independently or in collaboration with the Environmental Services Department (ESD) - to sponsor community waste tire clean up events whereby citizens can bring tires to a one-day collection point. These events are advertised to encourage private citizens to bring tires they may have accumulated on their property to prevent illegal dumping and to assure proper handling, recycling and disposal. In the past, Tire Amnesty events have been well supported by the communities where they've been held. These three grant sponsored programs complement each other to achieve a community and region free from impacts of problems created by improperly managed waste tires.

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FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS:

NOT MATCHING GRANTS. Up to \$270,000 may be available annually to the City through these grant programs. Adopting the Resolution will generate no new fiscal impacts. There will be no impacts to the City's General fund. All funds necessary to implement and accomplish grant programs are provided by the CalRecycle grant programs. The funds for these programs are obtained by the California Board of Equalization collection of \$1.75 fee from new tires sold in California. Occasionally some minor administrative costs may be incurred by the LEA's Enterprise fund. The LEA does NOT collect fees from stakeholders to implement this program.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY CONTRACTING INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE): n/a

PREVIOUS COUNCIL and/or COMMITTEE ACTION (describe any changes made to the item from what was presented at committee):

As a result of previous Council approvals the LEA has been implementing the various Waste Tire Programs offered by CalRecycle since 1999. With this application the LEA is requesting a Five-year Resolution to obtain ongoing approval from CalRecycle to implement these programs from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2016. City Council Resolutions have been adopted authorizing the LEA to seek and expend funds from the grant sponsor. This item will be scheduled to go before the Natural Resources and Culture Committee on February 2, 2011.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH EFFORTS:

Public and stakeholder outreach are primary features of these grants. These programs include outreach to the regulated community through the development and distribution of literature and presentations to stakeholder groups. Participation in the annual EarthFair at Balboa Park has been a regular grant sponsored activity to make the public-at-large more aware of waste tire issues and opportunities. The LEA has coordinated public outreach through City Council members to announce waste tire Amnesty collection events. Waste tire transportation issues and awareness has been coordinated through the City Police Department and California Highway Patrol to monitor for compliance with waste tire transportation rules on our streets and highways.

KEY STAKEHOLDERS AND PROJECTED IMPACTS:

Stakeholders include all waste tire businesses such as tire shops, registered waste tire haulers, waste tire generators such as fleet service facilities and tire retreaders. This includes annual or biannual inspections of new and used tire dealers, vehicle fleets, automotive dismantlers, car dealerships and rental agencies and registered waste tire haulers as well as public complaints and agency referrals.