



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: June 22, 2015
Board Meeting Date: September 1, 2015
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Louise Rogers, Chief, Health System
Heather Forshey, Director, Environmental Health

Subject: Application and Acceptance of Household Hazardous Waste Program Funds from the California Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing the Health System on behalf of the County of San Mateo to apply for and accept all available Household Hazardous Waste Program funds from the California Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery for fiscal years July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2020.

BACKGROUND:

The California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) awards grants that provide EH with funding to provide important education and environmental protection programs for the public.

San Mateo County serves as the lead for all the incorporated cities in the County for the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program, which is funded by CalRecycle grants. Environmental Health (EH) manages this program on the County's behalf and ensures that household hazardous waste does not pose a threat to public health or the environment.

EH has received four CalRecycle HHW grants in the last ten years to create and expand the County's fluorescent light take-back program, complete capital improvements to EH's HHW facility, improve local elected officials' capacity to take informed positions on extended producer responsibility, and increasing the County's internal capacity to use Environmentally Preferable Purchasing. This item is being brought to your Board for approval because CalRecycle requires a Board Resolution authorizing the County's annual grant applications.

DISCUSSION:

San Mateo County operates various HHW events through the County with one centralized permanent collection facility, diverting over 750,000 pounds of hazardous waste from landfill disposal annually. EH's HHW program is vital in ensuring the public's health and safety, as well as upholding strict standards for collection, handling, storage and disposal of HHW.

Grantees are generally allowed a three-week turnaround to execute a grant agreement. Authorization is therefore being requested to allow the Chief of the Health System, or designee on behalf of San Mateo County, to approve all necessary applications, contracts, payment requests, agreements, amendments and all documents necessary for the purposes of securing grant funds; implement the approved grant projects; and carry out the purposes specified in the grant applications for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2020.

The resolution has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

The ability to apply for and manage the HHW grants contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of an Environmentally Conscious Community by securing funding and encouraging San Mateo County residents to protect the environment by disposing of HHW in an appropriate manner. It is anticipated that 13,500 households will be served by the HHW Program in the next fiscal year.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2014-15 Actual	FY 2015-16 Projected
Number of households served by the Household Hazardous Waste Program	13,200	13,500

FISCAL IMPACT:

The resolution will authorize the Chief of the Health System, on behalf of the County of San Mateo to apply for and accept all available CalRecycle grant funds for the HHW Program during the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2020. The appropriations and revenue are included in Environmental Health's FY 2015-2016 Recommended Budget. Similar arrangements will be made in future budget years. There is no net county cost associated with this resolution.