



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: January 20, 2015
Board Meeting Date: July 7, 2015
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Jean S. Fraser, Chief, Health System
Heather Forshey, Director, Environmental Health

Subject: Application and Acceptance of grant funding from the California Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery for Solid Waste Management

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing the Health System on behalf of San Mateo County to apply for and accept all available Solid Waste Local Enforcement Agency funds as the lead agency from the California Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery for which San Mateo County is eligible effective October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2020.

BACKGROUND:

Environmental Health (EH), on behalf of the County of San Mateo, serves as the lead agency for all the incorporated cities for the solid waste grant from the California Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle). Solid waste is defined as garbage, refuse, sludge, and other discarded solid materials resulting from residential, industrial and commercial operations. It is estimated that each person in San Mateo County produces approximately 3.5 pounds of residential solid waste per day.

EH submits annual grant applications to CalRecycle for solid waste enforcement. CalRecycle makes these grants available to solid waste Local Enforcement Agencies and cities and counties with regulatory authority to perform solid waste permitting and inspection programs. CalRecycle distributes solid waste grants to each jurisdiction based on active, permitted solid waste facilities and county population.

Since 1996, your Board has adopted a number of resolutions enabling EH to administer these grants and authorizing the Chief of the Health System or designee to execute all documents related to these grants.

DISCUSSION:

The solid waste program funded by CalRecycle and managed by EH is vital to ensuring that the public's health and safety is protected by upholding strict standards for collection, handling, storage and disposal of residential, commercial and industrial solid wastes. This CalRecycle grant has been in effect for 23 years and supplements EH's fee-based funding to sustain important educational and environmental protection programs for the public. Primary grant-funded activities include the surveillance and inspection of operations at solid waste facilities and sites, including landfills and transfer stations.

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 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 which San Mateo County is eligible effective October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2020.

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

Approval of this resolution contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of an Environmentally Conscious Community by empowering EH to apply for and manage the Solid Waste grant funds from CalRecycle to ensure that solid wastes are properly collected, handled, and disposed to protect the public's health. It is anticipated that 75% of inspections conducted at solid waste facilities will have no violations.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2014-15 Estimated	FY 2015-16 Projected
Inspections conducted at solid waste facilities with no violations	75% 76 inspections	80% 79 inspections

FISCAL IMPACT:

The resolution will authorize the Health System on behalf of San Mateo County to apply for and accept all available CalRecycle Solid Waste Local Enforcement Agency funds as the lead agency effective October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2020. There is no net county cost associated with this item.