



# San Bernardino County

## Legislation Text

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### **REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY AND RECORD OF ACTION**

**July 13, 2021**

#### **FROM**

**BRENDON BIGGS, Director, Department of Public Works - Solid Waste Management**

#### **SUBJECT**

Department of Recycling Resources and Recovery Beverage Container Recycling City/County Funding

#### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

Accept funding, in the amount of \$75,150, from the California Department of Recycling Resources and Recovery for beverage container recycling and litter abatement activities for the 2020-21 Funding Request Cycle.

(Presenter: Brendon Biggs, Director, 387-7906)

#### **COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES**

**Promote the Countywide Vision.**

**Operate in a Fiscally-Responsible and Business-Like Manner.**

**Ensure Development of a Well-Planned, Balanced, and Sustainable County.**

#### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Approval of this item will not result in the use of the Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). If approved, the item will authorize the Department of Public Works - Solid Waste Management (SWMD) to accept \$75,150 from the 2020-21 California Department of Recycling Resources and Recovery (CalRecycle) Funding Request Cycle. SWMD is not required to provide any matching funds in order to accept these program funds. CalRecycle will allot the funds in Budget Year 2020-21 for the 2020-21 Funding Request Cycle. Payment from CalRecycle was received on June 7, 2021 with official notification of application approval on June 8, 2021. This revenue may be used for beverage container recycling and litter abatement activities. Any funds not spent by March 1, 2023, must be returned to the State. Sufficient appropriation and revenue has been included in the SWMD 2021-22 Operations Budget and will be included in future recommended budgets.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

This funding from CalRecycle will allow SWMD to maintain and expand beverage container recycling and litter abatement activities in the County to help meet statewide recycling requirements. Such compliance furthers the Countywide Vision and allows SWMD to operate in a fiscally responsible and business-like manner. This funding provides an opportunity for businesses, non-profit groups and community organizations in the County to have access to a program that will help sustain existing and future recycling efforts. Funds are used to provide supplemental resources needed to help establish, maintain and expand locally based California Redemption Value (CRV) recycling programs.

CalRecycle's City/County Payment Program (City/County Funding) offers funding from CRV container deposits to eligible cities and counties specifically for beverage container recycling and litter cleanup activities. SWMD has applied for and secured City/County Funding through CalRecycle for the last 19 years to assist with providing CRV recycling containers and supplies for CRV programs and litter abatement. Over the past 19 years, SWMD has received \$1,629,894 from CalRecycle that has allowed SWMD to successfully establish and maintain over 27 programs throughout San Bernardino County.

On April 18, 2017 (Item No. 37), the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved and authorized the submission of applications to CalRecycle for the Beverage Container Recycling City/County Payment Program for five program years and adopted Resolution No. 2017-46 authorizing the Deputy Director of the Department of Public Works - Solid Waste Management Division or the Recycling Specialist to sign and submit the applications and any non-substantive application amendments, subject to review by County Counsel for a period of five years or until rescinded by the Board, whichever occurs first.

On October 19, 2020, CalRecycle sent out its request for applications for the next City/County Funding Cycle for the Budget Year 2020-21. SWMD submitted the annual Funding Request to CalRecycle for the 2020-21 Funding Request Cycle on November 23, 2020, which is year four of the five program years approved by the Board. CalRecycle officially approved the Request for Approval for the 2020-21 fiscal year awards on June 8, 2021. CalRecycle has allotted \$75,150 to San Bernardino County to continue promoting beverage container recycling and litter cleanup activities. This funding will be used to purchase new recycling containers and/or to enhance existing recycling containers, conduct advertising, develop recycling educational materials and promote public education. This item is being presented at this time as this is the first available date following the required operational, fiscal, and legal reviews.

#### **PROCUREMENT**

Not applicable.

#### **REVIEW BY OTHERS**

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Jolena Grider, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on June 17, 2021; Finance (Jessica Trillo, Administrative Analyst, 387-4222) on June 22, 2021; and County Finance and Administration (Matthew Erickson, County Chief Financial Officer, 387-5423) on June 28, 2021.