


Office of the City Manager

INFORMATION CALENDAR
December 9, 2003

To: Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

From:  Phil Kamlarz, Acting City Manager

Subject: Grant: Door-to-Door Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to inform the City Council that the Toxics Management Division, Planning and Development Department, has been awarded and accepted a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) grant from the California Integrated Management Board to provide a turnkey door-to-door HHW collection in the amount of \$151,970 for the period October 1, 2003 to March 31, 2006.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Currently, Berkeley residents must transport their own HHW to a collection or recycling facility. There are 8 Certified Used Oil Collection Centers within Berkeley's city limits where residents may recycle used oil. Some of these centers also accept antifreeze and oil filters. CRTs may be disposed of at the City of Berkeley's Transfer Station. If residents have HHW other than used oil, antifreeze, oil filters, or CRTs, they must transport it themselves to one of the three Alameda County HHW facilities.

The closest Alameda County facility is located in Oakland and is approximately 14 miles roundtrip from the center of Berkeley. Transporting hazardous waste this far is difficult for many immobile people within our community. This difficulty is compounded for citizens who are disabled and on limited income or have no household vehicle. The City and the Community Environmental Advisory Commission (CEAC) have long identified this segment of our community as a significantly underserved portion of our population and this is the first opportunity to deliver services to them directly. Staff has also worked with the Commission on Disability and Councilmember Spring's office on this contract.

BACKGROUND

For the past ten years, the CEAC has identified a need for a Berkeley household hazardous waste service. In May 2003, the Toxics Management Division (TMD) applied for and was awarded a grant with the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) to develop a door-to-door HHW collection program. The program is intended to serve the needs of a small segment of the Berkeley community, which is identified as the underserved population, specifically Berkeley's immobile residents who are seniors and disabled people that are low income and don't have a car in their household. The aim is to serve as wide a group as the funds will allow and the prioritization will use the three categories identified here.

We accepted the grant in accordance with Resolution No. 56,776-N.S., which authorizes the City Manager to apply for grants and receive them where the Council has a policy in place supporting the program for which the funds would be used, and no negative budgetary impact or adverse impact on existing staff would occur.

FUTURE ACTION

The grant award will necessitate a budget amendment since it is not currently included in TMD's FY2004 adopted budget.

FISCAL IMPACT

The grant award will result in revenues and expenses totaling \$151,970. Minimal staff time is required to manage the program, as staff will contract for a turnkey operation. The revenue agreement has been entered into the City's Contracts Management database and assigned CMS # E5K11.

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