



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR

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To: Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

From: *PK* Phil Kamlarz, City Manager

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Subject: Grant Applications to the California Integrated Waste Management Board

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing staff to apply for all grants available from the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) for used oil recycling and household hazardous waste programs.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

In Fiscal Year 2008, the City will receive a \$26,294 grant from CIWMB for used oil recycling. A \$139,000 grant has been applied for to make it more convenient for Berkeley community members to recycle Universal Waste. The previous and current grant applications include staff costs. CIWMB grants generally cover all costs associated with running grant programs, including staff time. It is unknown if future grant programs will have different funding requirements; however, if City funding is required, City Council approval will be requested prior to submitting a grant application.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Toxics Management Division (TMD) has applied for and managed various household hazardous waste (HHW) grants from CIWMB to make recycling of such wastes more convenient for Berkeley community members. TMD was informed that a recent HHW grant application cannot be accepted unless a new resolution is passed. The City has a multi-year resolution (Resolution No. 61,982N.S., approved on April 1, 2003) authorizing the City to apply for grants specific to used oil recycling. CIWMB notified TMD that the City of Berkeley needs a new generalized resolution authorizing TMD to apply for the various grants available through CIWMB, including used oil and HHW grants. The attached resolution accomplishes this.

TMD recently applied for a \$139,000 grant to make it more convenient for Berkeley community members to recycle Universal Waste (UW). The proposed project would increase the recycling capacity for UW at the Berkeley Recycling Center, and increase the number of fluorescent bulb collection locations within Berkeley. Currently, only the Berkeley Recycling Center will accept waste fluorescent bulbs. If it is approved by the State, Staff will return to the City Council with an informational report pursuant to Resolution No. 56,776, which allows the City Manager to execute grant agreements under certain circumstances including that staff time will be funded by the grant.

BACKGROUND

UWs are common hazardous wastes generated by all households and businesses, including fluorescent bulbs, batteries, mercury thermometers, electronic devices, televisions and computer screens. To properly dispose of UW, Berkeley community members have to take these materials to the Berkeley Recycling Center located at Second and Gilman Streets, or take them to the Oakland Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste facility, which is a 17-mile round trip from the center of Berkeley. Alternatively, there are a few private locations in Berkeley that will accept waste batteries or consumer electronic devices.

The lack of convenient locations for recycling UW makes it more likely that community members will throw these wastes in the trash, or dump them in the public right of way. Most UWs contain heavy metals that are toxic. When improperly disposed of UW is broken or incinerated, the metals may be released to the environment. In addition, many community members may accumulate large amounts of UW in their homes rather than make frequent trips to inconvenient UW recycling locations. Storing large quantities of UW for extended periods of time may pose a greater risk for these people if the wastes break or leak.

Improperly disposed of used oil is a significant environmental threat. To reduce incidents of improper oil disposal, TMD enhanced the City's Used Oil Recycling program with previous CIWMB grant funding. TMD established used oil collection centers throughout Berkeley. TMD also created used oil recycling kits that were distributed free of cost to Berkeley residents. Another major component of the Used Oil Recycling program is a public outreach campaign. TMD worked with contractors to create flyers, newspaper advertisements, and web designs to increase public awareness of the requirements and locations to properly recycle used oil. CIWMB grant funding paid for all costs of the Used Oil Recycling program.

Many Berkeley community members are disabled, low income, carless, or senior citizens. It is especially difficult for these community members to travel to the County HHW disposal site. In 2005, TMD managed a short program that collected HHW from the doorstep of community members of these underserved populations. CIWMB grant funding paid for all of the costs of this program.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

TMD would like to continue applying for CIWMB grants to make it easier for Berkeley community members to recycle used oil and HHW. To do so, the City of Berkeley needs a new resolution that authorizes staff to apply for used oil and HHW grants.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

Without a new resolution, TMD cannot apply for grant funding for used oil recycling and HHW recycling programs. Berkeley community members would need to transport their UW and used oil to the Alameda County HHW facility in Oakland.

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Attachments: 1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

AUTHORIZE GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR GRANTS UNDER THE CALIFORNIA OIL RECYCLING ENHANCEMENT ACT AND HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE GRANTS FOR THE PERIOD OF UP TO FIVE (5) YEARS BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2007 THROUGH MAY 31, 2012

WHEREAS, the people of the State of California have enacted the California Oil Recycling Enhancement Act that provides for Used Oil Recycling Grants to eligible cities and counties for establishing and maintaining local used oil collection programs that encourage recycling or appropriate disposal of used oil; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of California have enacted Assembly Bill 1220 (Eastin, Statutes of 1993, Ch. 656) that provides Household Hazardous Waste Grants (HHW Grants) to local governments to establish and implement waste diversion and separation programs to prevent disposal of hazardous waste, including household hazardous waste (HHW), in solid waste landfills; and

WHEREAS, the California Integrated Waste Management Board has been delegated the responsibility for administering the Used Oil and HHW Grant programs, which includes procedures governing the application by and payment to eligible applicants; and

WHEREAS, improperly disposed of used oil and HHW create significant environmental hazards; and

WHEREAS, the provision of convenient recycling locations for used oil and HHW is a necessary component of the City's environmental management program; and

WHEREAS, the Toxics Management Division of the Planning and Development Department shall administer the program requirements of such grants in cooperation with the Solid Waste Management Division of the Public Works Department; and

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Waste Management Authority shall serve as the lead agency in a regional used oil recycling public education campaign; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, the City of Berkeley will enter into a Grant Agreement(s) with the California Integrated Waste Management Board for implementation of said grants.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager, or his/her designee, is hereby authorized to submit continuing grant applications to the California Integrated Waste Management Board for all available grants under the California Oil Recycling Enhancement Act and all available Household Hazardous Waste grants for the period of up to five (5) years beginning June 1, 2007 through May 31, 2012.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that if individual grants are approved by the CIWMB, and are consistent with Resolution No. 56,776, no subsequent Council action will be necessary and, the City Manager, or his/her designee, will be authorized and empowered to execute in the name of the City of Berkeley grant agreements, and all grant documents necessary to secure grant funds and to implement the approved grant projects.

