

**City of Culver City, California
Agenda Item Report**

Meeting Date: 06-24-2013	Item Number: <u>C-3</u>
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM: Authorization to the City Manager to Submit an Application for a Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) Grant in the Amount of \$250,000 to Develop a Restaurant and Bar Beverage Container Recycling program for Fiscal Year 2013/2014.	
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Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐	General Fund: Yes ☒ No ☐
Public Hearing: ☐	Action Item: ☐ Attachments: ☐
Commission Action Required: Yes ☐ No ☒ Date: _____	
Public Notification: Meetings and Agendas – City Council (06/18/13); Ongoing Topics - Sustainability and Environmental Issues (06/18/13)	
Department Approval: Charles D. Herbertson (06/11/13)	City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab (by H. Baker) (06/17/13)
Chief Financial Officer Approval: Jeff Muir (by M. Noller) (06/18/13)	City Manager Approval: John M. Nachbar (06/18/13)
<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to submit a Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) grant application for development of a Restaurant and Bar Beverage Container Recycling Program (Program) for Fiscal Year 2013/2014. <u>BACKGROUND:</u> On June 5, 2013, CalRecycle released a Notice of Funds Available for the Beverage Container Recycling Grants (Competitive) for Fiscal Year 2013/2014. CalRecycle is providing up to \$1,500,000 to promote increased recycling of beverage containers throughout California. Grant applications are due to CalRecycle by Wednesday, July 17, 2013. <u>DISCUSSION:</u> CalRecycle estimates more than 3 billion glass California Redemption Value (CRV) beverage containers are sold in California each year, but more than a billion of them typically end up in landfills. Glass can be recycled over and over again, saving energy and natural resources while providing valuable raw materials to manufacturers. Culver City has over 200 restaurants and bars that could benefit from a CRV recycling program (Program). Securing grant funding would provide an opportunity for the City to implement a custom recycling program for each restaurant and bar. By focusing efforts	

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on the unique needs at each site, staff could work to remove any obstacles preventing the recycling of beverage containers.

The Program would include the following elements:

- Recycling bins – using a variety of bins, staff would establish recycling in restaurants and bars through-out the city.
- Recycling rolling totes – participating businesses would receive a rolling recycling tote to transport recyclables to centralized recycling bins.
- Education and Outreach materials – The Program would be supported with a variety of educational and outreach materials that would be used to encourage wait staff, bartenders, and janitorial crews to participate in the Program.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

Staff is requesting \$250,000, the maximum award amount, for equipment and professional services. If the City's application is approved, grant funds would be appropriated in December 2013 and disbursed on a reimbursement basis. The grant requires no Culver City matching funds; however the City will provide in-kind support in the form of staff time for planning and oversight.

Should the City be awarded the grant, staff will return to the City Council for the City Council's consideration of acceptance and appropriation of the grant award.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

MOTION:

That the City Council:

Authorize the City Manager to submit an application for the CalRecycle Beverage Container Recycling Grant in the amount of \$250,000.