



## CITY OF SALINAS

### COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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**DATE:** **JANUARY 13, 2025**

**DEPARTMENT:** **PUBLIC WORKS**

**FROM:** **DAVID JACOBS, DIRECTOR**

**TITLE:** **CALRECYCLE BEVERAGE CONTAINER RECYCLING GRANT PROGRAM ACCEPTANCE**

#### RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Staff recommends the City Council approve a Resolution:

1. Authorizing the acceptance of CalRecycle funds in the amount of \$205,411;
2. Authorizing the City Manager or designee to negotiate and execute grant agreements and all documents necessary to effectuate the grant; and
3. Establishing the Fiscal Year 2025-26 appropriation and funding as follows:
  - a. Increase the estimate for revenue from the State Government appropriation by \$205,411; and
  - b. Establish the CalRecycle Grant Program expense appropriation to the Public Works Department in the amount of \$205,411.

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In December 2022, the Sustainability Division of the Public Works Department applied for a grant through the Department of Resource Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to promote beverage container recycling and waste reduction throughout the City of Salinas. The City has been awarded \$205,411 for the project which will secure waste and recycling containers in downtown and fronting Cesar Chavez Library and recycling containers at various City parks. The Department is requesting authorization to accept this grant funding and establish an appropriation and corresponding revenue budget to support grant activities.

#### BACKGROUND:

On December 13, 2022, City Council approved Resolution No. 22544 authorizing the submission of applications to the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) grants/payment programs and approved the City Manager, or designee, as the signature authority to execute all documents necessary to implement and secure funding.

CalRecycle administers various grants and payment programs in an effort to reduce, recycle, and reuse solid waste generated in the state. The Beverage Container Recycling Program aims to

achieve a high recycling rate for all aluminum, glass, plastic, and bimetal beverage containers sold in California.

The Sustainability Division was ultimately successful in being awarded a grant in the amount of \$205,411 to promote beverage container recycling and waste reduction throughout the City. The project will incorporate two distinct components including 1) the upgrade of outdated trash/recycling cart corrals and 2) the installation of recycling containers at various City parks.

Trash corrals scheduled to be replaced are located along Salinas St, W Gabilan St, Melody Ln, Lincoln Ave, E Alisal St, Maple St, Station Pl in the downtown area and fronting Cesar Chavez Library. Last year, as part of a pilot project, Staff worked with Library and Community Services (LCS) staff to place 25, 55-gallon blue drums recycling containers, at Central Park, El Dorado Park and Cesar Chavez Park. Staff will continue to work with LCS staff to install recycle bins at 34 parks and two recreation centers.

#### CEQA CONSIDERATION:

**Not a Project.** The City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378). In addition, CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 includes the general rule that CEQA applies only to activities which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Because the proposed action and this matter have no potential to cause any effect on the environment, or because it falls within a category of activities excluded as projects pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378, this matter is not a project. Because the matter does not cause a direct or foreseeable indirect physical change on or in the environment, this matter is not a project. Any subsequent discretionary projects resulting from this action will be assessed for CEQA applicability.

#### STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

This action supports the Council's goal of promoting "Infrastructure" to improve the condition of the City's streets and sidewalks by reducing litter and promoting recycling.

#### CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE §84308 APPLIES:

No, Government Code §84308 does not apply to this item.

#### DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

The Sustainability Division of the Public Works Department will coordinate with the Parks Division of the Library and Community Services Department to support the implementation of this grant funding. City staff will also work with downtown stakeholders like the Salinas City Center Improvement Association.

**FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:**

Funding from the CalRecycle grant is up to \$205,411, all of which will be used for the implementation of the project. No matching funds are required from the City of Salinas to receive the grant funds and the Resolution authorizes the establishment of an appropriation and corresponding revenue budget to support grant activities.

Fund	General Ledger Number (Operating/CIP)	General Ledger Account Name	Remaining Budget Appropriation	Amount Requested
1000	50.5125-63.6010	Outside services-Other Outside Services	\$0	\$205,411

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Resolution