

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

BUREAU OF SANITATION

BOARD REPORT NO. 1

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AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING FROM THE CALIFORNIA INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING LOCAL USED OIL COLLECTION AND RECYCLING PROGRAMS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-10 – 15TH CYCLE BLOCK GRANT; AND SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR THE USED OIL BLOCK GRANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approve and forward this report forthwith, with its transmittals, to the Mayor and the City Council, with the recommendations that the City Council, subject to concurrence of the Mayor, authorize the Director of the Bureau of Sanitation, or designee, to: accept the grant funds from the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB), to conduct all negotiations, to provide additional information, and to execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality, which may be necessary to secure funding with respect to the Used Oil Block Grant for Fiscal year 2009-10, 15th cycle; and submit applications to the CIWMB for the Used Oil Block grant for fiscal year 2010-11.
2. Request the City Council to adopt the Resolution (Transmittal No. 2) approving the acceptance of the 15th Cycle Used Oil Block grant for fiscal year 2009-10, estimated at \$600,000, and appointing the Director of the Bureau of Sanitation, or designee, to conduct all negotiations and to execute and submit all documents necessary to accept grant funding for maintaining a used oil collection and recycling program.
3. Request the City Council to adopt the Resolution (Transmittal No. 3) authorizing the submittal of applications for Used Oil Block Grant for fiscal years 2010-11 and if awarded to report it the City Council to obtain approval for the receipt of the fund and authorization to negotiate and execute grant agreements.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The receipt and submittal of grant funds will maintain the existing used oil and used oil filter collection and recycling program. Failure to accept and request the funds from the CIWMB will eliminate the funding available to the City of Los Angeles to conduct its used oil and used oil filters collection program. There is no fiscal impact on the General Fund, as the General Fund does not fund this program.

TRANSMITTALS

1. Copy of Motion and Council Resolution (C.F. 06-0626-S1) authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Sanitation to submit an application to various used oil block grants.
2. Copy of proposed Resolution. (Transmittal No. 2)
3. Copy of proposed Resolution. (Transmittal No. 3)

DISCUSSION

Since 1987 it has been illegal in California to dispose of used oil in sewers, drainage systems, surface or ground waters, watercourses, or marine waters, by domestic incineration, or onto land or in the trash. The California legislature passed in 1991, the Oil Recycling Enhancement Act (ACT) to address the significant threat to California's environment from illegally dumped used motor oil. The ACT provides funds to cities and counties for establishing and maintaining local used oil collection and recycling programs. The California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the program by the State of California and for setting up the necessary procedures governing the operation of the program by the different cities and counties. The CIWMB awards annual block grants to support used oil recycling programs, which requires the submission of annual applications.

Since 1994, the City of Los Angeles has applied for and been granted funds from the CIWMB. These funds have been used to develop and implement a wide range of services and activities designed to facilitate the recycling and re-use of used motor oil and used oil filters. All such activities and programs have come under the general control of the City of Los Angeles Used Oil Recycling Program and are managed by the Solid Resources Citywide Recycling Division of the Bureau of Sanitation. Crucial elements of this program include the monitoring of the City's existing 225 Certified Used Oil Collection Centers (CCC's), the recruitment of additional CCC's in under-served areas, the provision of an environmentally sound opportunity for all residents of the City to dispose of used motor oil and used oil filters, the promotion of the CCC's as a viable alternative to recycling drop-off collection events, the education of the public as to the environmental damage caused by the improper disposal of used motor oil and used oil filters, and the promotion of the use of re-refined motor oil.

On October 29, 2008, the City Council authorized the Bureau of Sanitation to submit an application for the Used Oil Recycling Block grants for Fiscal Year 2009-10 (Council File Number 06-0626-S1), Transmittal No. 1.

The grant award is to implement and carry out the activities and programs necessary to comply with the purpose specified in the grant application, which includes recruitment, promotion, and monitoring of CCC's in the City.

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City of Los Angeles's policy requires the Bureau of Sanitation to receive authority from the City Council and Mayor to accept and execute all grant agreements. Therefore, in order to receive grant funding from the CIWMB, an authorizing resolution must be submitted to the CIWMB demonstrating that the governing body has authorized the acceptance of the grant funding (Transmittal No. 2); and

In order to continue the Used Oil and Oil Filters Recycling Program the City must apply for and receive annual block grant from the CIWMB. If awarded, the City will be reimbursed for any related expenditure for all expenses incurred during the grant terms from the CIWMB Used Oil Recycling Block Grant. Therefore, in order to apply for grant funding for Fiscal year 2010-11 from the CIWMB, an authorizing resolution must be submitted to the CIWMB demonstrating that the governing body has authorized the application of the grant (Transmittal No. 3).

STATEMENT AS TO FUNDING

Funds in the approximate amount of \$600,000 will be deposited in Fund No. 586, Department 50, Account 3410.

Respectfully submitted,



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