

Request for Committee Action

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Subject:

Amend Hennepin County Recycling Refund Policy agreement to extend expiration date and add funds for organics recycling.

Description:

Authorizing appropriate City officials to amend the Recycling Refund Policy agreement with Hennepin County for the SCORE (Select Committee on Recycling and the Environment) funds for the Minneapolis recycling program, to extend the contract expiration date to December 31, 2016 and incorporate state requirements to provide additional SCORE funds for organics recycling.

Previous Actions:

August 3, 2012 – Authorized the proper City officers to execute a Residential Recycling Grant Agreement with Hennepin County for the term January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2015 for annual SCORE funds used to assist in the operation of the City of Minneapolis Recycling Program.

Ward/Neighborhood/Address:

All Wards

Background/Analysis:

In 2015, Hennepin County had \$3.7m in SCORE funds available to award to cities for their recycling and organics programs. The Residential Recycling Funding Policy sets the terms and conditions for awarding those funds.

On June 16, 2015 the County Board adopted a resolution to amend the Residential Recycling Funding Policy. The following changes were approved:

- Extend the contract expiration from December 31, 2015 to December 31, 2016
- Incorporate state requirements to expend additional SCORE funds on organics recycling

The legislature dedicated additional funds to SCORE last year. As a result, the County has \$813,764 more in SCORE funds in 2015 and will have approximately \$600,000 more in 2016 to award to cities for recycling and organics programs. Per state statute, 50 percent of the additional funds must be spent on organics. For Minneapolis, it is anticipated that the additional SCORE allocation will be \$200,000 for recycling and \$120,000 for organics for 2015.

Financial Review:

No financial impact.

- Future budget impact anticipated.**
- Approved by the Permanent Review Committee.**
- Meets Small and Underutilized Business Program goals.**