



Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

Date: February 18, 2002
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee
Referral to: Honorable Barb Johnson, Chair Ways & Means Committee
Subject: Hennepin County Recycling Grant Application for 2003

Recommendation:

1. That the City authorizes submission of the 2003 grant application to Hennepin County for S.C.O.R.E. funding of the Minneapolis Recycling program
2. That the appropriate City official shall be authorized to sign the 2003 contract with Hennepin County for the S.C.O.R.E. funds and the Minneapolis recycling program

Previous Directives:

1. The City of Minneapolis has entered into contracts with Hennepin County for our Recycling program, and for S.C.O.R.E. funding, for several years.
2. The budget for the Division of Solid Waste and Recycling for 2003 includes \$804,000 in S.C.O.R.E. funding as a budgeted Revenue line item.
3. The City includes the S.C.O.R.E. Tax on its Utility Bill, as required by State law.

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Presenters: Susan A. Young, Director

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)

Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget

Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget

Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase

Action requires use of contingency or reserves

Other financial impact (Explain):

Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Background/Supporting Information:

Staff is requesting that the proper City Officers be authorized to submit a Recycling Grant Application (S.C.O.R.E. Grant) to Hennepin County and to execute an agreement between the County and the City to provide partial funding for the Minneapolis Recycling program. The period covered by the agreement is January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003.

These funds will contribute to the operating costs of the City's Recycling program. While the exact amount of the grant is not known at this time, in 2001 the City received \$943,406, or 3.9% of the 2001 Budgeted Revenue for the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund. In 2002 the City received \$936,327. The City budgeted \$804,000 for 2003 to the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund from this source.

S.C.O.R.E. funding from the County to cities in the County is based on the total number of households that have curbside recycling services available. Communication from Hennepin County indicates that total SCORE funds received from the State for 2003 decreased approximately 10% (about \$355,000) from 2002. The county's 2003 budget has been adopted and includes replacement funding to make up for the reduction in SCORE dollars. However, in anticipation of the loss of state funds and the need to reduce 2003 expenditures, all county departments are identifying expenditure reduction options. The reduction/elimination of the replacement funds is among the options being considered. At this point, only under the worse case budget scenario would does the County consider that replacement funding be eliminated.