

STAFF REPORT

To: Mayor and City Council Date: July 28, 2015
Via: Gary Jackson, City Manager
From: Amber Weaver, Sustainability Officer Prepared by: Kerby Smithson
Subject: Acceptance of CWRAR Grant Funding from NCDENR

Summary Statement: The consideration of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept Community Waste Reduction and Recycling (CWRAR) grant funds from the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NCDENR); and a budget amendment in the amount of \$25,950 in the Special Revenue Fund to budget the grant and the City's match.

Review: The City of Asheville has partnered with the Housing Authority of the City of Asheville (HACA) in order to develop a public housing recycling pilot project, to be implemented in the 280 units of the Erskine, Walton and Livingston Street communities. The residents of these communities will be able to utilize "Big Blue" recycling roll carts just like other Asheville residents, which will greatly enhance their ability to recycle and reduce waste. The pilot project will run from October 2015 through June 2016. The City has been awarded a CWRAR grant from NCDENR in order to help fund this pilot project.

The total cost for the pilot project is \$25,950. The CWRAR grant would require a 20% cash match from the City of Asheville. Thus \$4,325 would be contributed by the City, from the sustainability street light savings in the general fund, while the grant would cover the remaining \$21,625.

Strategic Operating Plan: Goal 4, Action Item: Continue sustainability efforts to reduce the city's carbon footprint, including options to further solid waste reduction goals.

Pros:

- Provides more equitable access to recycling services for residents of public housing
- Helps to meet City's waste reduction goal while leveraging state funding

Cons:

- None can be identified

Fiscal Impact: As noted above the total cost of the project is \$25,950, with the grant covering \$21,625 or 80% of the cost. The 20% City match of \$4,325 will come from sustainability street light savings that have been designated for green projects.

Recommendation: City staff recommends City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept \$21,625 in grant monies from NCDENR; and a budget amendment in the amount of \$25,950 in the Special Revenue Fund to budget the grant and the City's match .

Attachment:

- (1) Resolution
- (2) Budget Amendment

ORDINANCE NO. _____

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

That the City of Asheville Annual Operating or Capital Projects Budget Ordinance be amended according to the budget amendment form attached to and made part of this ordinance.

That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon the date of final passage.

Read, approved and adopted this 28th day of July, 2015.

City Clerk

Mayor

Approved as to form:

City Attorney

PURPOSE: Acceptance of CWRAR Grant
Funding from NCDENR to conduct a pilot project to
expand recycling availability in public housing