

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**  
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

**AGENDA TITLE:** Authorize the City Manager to Execute the King County 2002/03 Waste Reduction & Recycling Interlocal Agreement for \$41,679  
**DEPARTMENT:** Public Works  
**PRESENTED BY:** Art Maronek, Interim Public Works Director

**PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:** When the County closes the Cedar Hills Landfill in 2012, all of the City's solid waste will be exported. To keep waste collection costs to a minimum now and in 2012, the City's goal to educate, motivate, and support residents to recycle and reduce waste becomes increasingly important. The funds in the King County 2002/03 Waste Reduction and Recycling Interlocal Agreement will support the construction of a municipal compost facility; the coordination of the popular, bi-annual City Recycling Events; the subsidy for backyard compost bins; the purchase of Green Cones to compost food waste; the production of resource conservation materials; and, mini-recycling grants for every school in the Shoreline School District.

**ALTERNATIVES ANALYZED:** The following alternatives are available:

1. The City executes the Interlocal Agreement and uses the grant funds to support the 2002 and 2003 recycling programs;
2. The City pays all the costs of operating the Recycling Programs supported by this grant;
3. The City chooses not to offer the Recycling Programs supported by this grant.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** If the City executes the Interlocal Agreement (ILA), \$41,679 in grant funds will be available to support the Recycling Program, as included in the 2002 adopted Public Works budget. No budget changes need to be made.

If the City does not execute the ILA, it will lose the grant funds and will have to reduce service levels to accommodate the increase in net program costs.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends Alternative #1 to authorize the City Manager to execute the King County 2002/2003 Waste Reduction and Recycling Interlocal Agreement for \$41,679.

Approved By:

City Manager



City Attorney



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## **INTRODUCTION**

When the County closes the Cedar Hills Landfill in 2012, all of the City's solid waste will be exported. To keep waste collection costs to a minimum, the City's goal to educate, motivate, and support residents to recycle and reduce waste becomes increasingly important. The funds in the King County 2002/03 Waste Reduction and Recycling (WRR) Interlocal Agreement will support a variety of projects, including the required 25% matching costs for the Coordinated Prevention Grant (CPG) to purchase compost bins and Green Cones, and to construct a municipal compost facility that will receive green waste collected by the City Roads Department during right-of-way maintenance. Presently, the City pays \$12,500 annually to dispose of the roadside, green waste at the transfer station. In addition, funds in this WRR Interlocal Agreement will be combined with the Local Hazardous Waste Management Program Grant (LHWMPG) to support the popular, bi-annual City Recycling Events. Finally, WRR funds will provide 100% of costs to produce resource conservation materials for residents and for a mini-recycling grant program, which will be available to every school in the Shoreline School District.

| <b>Project</b>                  | <b>WRR</b>                        | <b>Other Funding</b> | <b>Project Total</b> |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Compost Bins                    | \$1,500 (2002)<br>\$1,500 (2003)* | CPG \$9,000          | \$12,000             |
| Green Cones                     | \$4,963 (2002)<br>\$4,963 (2003)* | CPG \$5,071          | \$14,997             |
| Compost Facility                | \$12,416                          | CPG \$37,250         | \$49,666             |
| Recycling Events (4)            | \$8,000 (2002)<br>\$8,000 (2003)* | LHWMP \$4,250        | \$20,250             |
| Resource Conservation Materials | \$6,300 (2002)<br>\$2,000 (2003)* |                      | \$8,300              |
| Mini-grants                     | \$8,500                           |                      | \$8,500              |

**WRR grant amount: \$41,679**

\*WRR funds for 2003 are anticipated, but not awarded until the County's budget is approved.

WRR is the King County Waste Reduction and Recycling Interlocal Agreement funding  
CPG is the State Department of Ecology Coordinated Prevention Grant  
LHWMP is the Local Hazardous Waste Management Program Grant

## **BACKGROUND**

The City of Shoreline has accepted and used the King County Waste Reduction and Recycling grants for the past 3 years to fund the City's recycling events and to subsidize compost bins for residents, among other projects. In 2001, two recycling events were coordinated and a total of 250 compost bins were distributed to residents.

## **ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS**

Alternative #1--The City executes the Interlocal Agreement and uses the grant funds to support the 2002 and 2003 recycling programs: If the City executes the Interlocal Agreement (ILA), the funds in the grant will provide the revenue to support the Recycling Program, as included in the 2002 adopted Public Works budget. Our residents receive the programs and services they have come to expect and appreciate. In addition, by constructing a municipal compost facility, supported by these grant funds, the City would save approximately \$12,500 annually by eliminating the transfer station fees for dumping green waste.

Alternative #2-- The City pays all the costs of operating the Recycling Programs supported by this grant: The net cost to the City's General Fund increases by \$41,679 in 2002, but our residents do receive the programs and services they have come to expect and appreciate. City funds would be used to construct the municipal compost facility.

Alternative #3--The City chooses not to offer the Recycling Programs supported by this grant: This alternative will significantly reduce the recycling program services provided by the City. Residents will be disappointed and frustrated with a reduction in programs, and they will not have low-cost compost bins (approximately 300 bins) and 350 food waste composting Green Cones to reduce their curbside solid waste costs and to enhance their garden soil. The environmental quality of Shoreline could degrade from poor soils and water quality, as well as solid waste dumping along roadsides. The City compost facility will not be built, and the City will continue to pay approximately \$12,500 annually to dump its municipal green waste at the transfer station.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends Alternative #1 to authorize the City Manager to execute the King County 2002/2003 Waste Reduction and Recycling Interlocal Agreement for \$41,679.