

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: Authorize a \$5,000 Intergovernmental Agreement with Washington County for the administration of the Master Recycler Program. (Ordinance)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The purpose is to accept an agreement grant of \$5,000 from Washington County for the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability to continue to implement the Master Recycler Program for FY 2015-2016. The agreement also allows Washington County to pay for up to 10 \$50 scholarships not to exceed \$500 per year.

Background:

- Since 2006, Washington County has provided the City annual grants to administer the Master Recycler Program, which provides an eight-week training course for adults on the solid waste and recycling system. Participants pay back their training by educating others in the community – either by doing special projects or interacting with the public at events, thereby multiplying the program's efforts.
- By Resolution 36423 on June 28, 2006, Portland City Council adopted goals for a sustainable solid waste and recycling system to:
 - Promote sustainability of the solid waste and recycling system that includes maximum efficiency, equity and economic vitality, improved worker safety and reduced environmental and human health impacts over the entire life cycle of the materials, and
 - Minimize the impact of harmful wastes by targeting toxicity and reducing greenhouse gases emissions, and
 - Reduce per capita waste generation below 2005 levels by the year 2015, and
 - Maximize recovery of all waste with a target of 75% by the year 2015 and promote highest value use of recovered materials.
- The Master Recycler program continues to provide education and outreach to increase public awareness and inspire activities that lead to improved recycling rates. During FY 2013-2014, 54 people completed the Master Recycler Program training and Master Recycler volunteers contributed almost 3500 hours of waste reduction education and outreach in the Portland Metro area.
- This does not change City Policy.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

- Funds are included in the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability FY 2015-16 Budget and will be appropriated for FY 2016-17 so long as Washington County is able to continue funding.
- No match is required
- The legislation does not authorize additional spending on new or existing programming.
- There are no changes to staff time or positions with this legislation.
- The legislation will result in an IGA with Washington County.
- The legislation will result in more capacity to provide scholarships to low-income residents who want to participate.

Community impacts and community involvement:

The Master Recycler Program exists to meet longstanding goals to reduce waste and increase recycling rates. The City asserts there are significant economic, social and environmental benefits associated with greater recovery and waste prevention including energy savings, reduced greenhouse gas emissions, air quality improvements, resource conservation, job growth and economic development opportunities.

Washington County’s ongoing grants, along with contributions from Metro and Clackamas Counties, help fund the Master Recycler Program and the City administers to provide education and outreach to participants to increase public awareness and activities on solid waste and recycling. The program provides an eight-week course for adults on waste and recycling. Participants then educate others in the community either by doing special projects or interacting with the public at events, thereby multiplying the program’s efforts.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

- YES: Please complete the information below.
- NO: Skip this section. The 2015-16 funding is included in the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability FY 2015-16 Requested Budget

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount