

Request for Approval

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Request Date: February 8, 2024

Decision Subject: Awards for the Local Conservation Corps SB 1013 Grant Program (California Beverage Container Recycling Fund Account, Fiscal Year 2022–23)

Action By: February 20, 2024; September 12, 2025

Summary of Request

Staff requests approval of 44 13 grant awards in the amount of \$10,000,000 for the non-competitive Local Conservation Corps Senate Bill (SB) 1013 Grant Program (Program) for fiscal year (FY) 2022–23.

The San Francisco Conservation Corps (SFCC) ceased operations in January 2025 and is no longer a certified Local Conservation as determined by the California Conservation Corps. Staff requests approval to equally redistribute unspent Beverage Container Recycling Funds originally awarded to the SFCC to the thirteen active Local Conservation Corps as detailed in Tables 2 and 3 below.

Funding

The FY 2022–23 Budget Act allocates \$10,000,000 to the Beverage Container Recycling Fund Account for the Program.

Table 1. Funding

Fund Source	Amount Available	Amount to Fund Item	Amount Remaining	Line Item
California Beverage Container Recycling Fund Account (FY 2022–23)	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$0	Local Assistance /Grants

Background and Findings

Statutory Authority

The Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) was appropriated \$10 million in one-time funding for Local Conservation Corps to support beverage container litter reduction programs and recycling programs from SB 1013, Chapter 610, Section 34 (Atkins).

SEC. 34. Ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) is hereby appropriated from the California Beverage Container Recycling Fund created pursuant to Section 14580 of the Public Resources Code to the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to disburse to community conservation corps in the form of grants for beverage container litter reduction programs and recycling programs. The programs may include, but are not limited to, glass beverage container litter reduction programs and recycling programs.

Program Background

The fundamental goal of the Program is to provide additional beverage container recycling funds to Local Conservation Corps (LCC) for the purposes of Chapter 610, Section 34 above.

The Local Conservation Corps Grant Program provides annual funding to the Corps to conduct recycling services and implement litter abatement projects that collect and divert recyclable materials from landfills. Each LCC participates in a variety of recycling projects at schools, businesses, community events, large venues, and multi-family complexes, thereby supporting achievement of the state's 75 percent solid waste recycling goal.

Criteria and Process

The Eligibility Criteria and Evaluation Process was discussed at the December 19, 2023 CalRecycle Public meeting and subsequently approved by the Deputy Director. The Notice of Funds Available was placed on the CalRecycle web site on January 12, 2024, with an appropriate notice sent to interested parties.

Applications were due January 31, 2024. CalRecycle received 14 applications requesting \$10,000,000. Staff reviewed the applications in accordance with the approved evaluation and scoring criteria. Staff proposes to fund 14 of the 14 applicants.

Listed below are the types of projects recommended for funding.

Beverage Container Activities

The types of projects recommended for funding include implementation of beverage container litter reduction and recycling programs through education and outreach, the purchase of recycling bins and vehicles for collection of California Refund Value materials, and in some instances, the investment in recycling infrastructure and expansion of recycling collection activities in underserved areas and locations. Eligible projects include multi-family dwellings (five units or more), public colleges and universities, public K-12 school districts, outreach and education (multi-family), and community events including, but not limited to, those sponsored by local jurisdictions and parks and recreational areas throughout California.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of 14 grant awards as listed below for \$10,000,000. Staff recommends approval of the redistribution of beverage container funds.

Table 2. Recommended Awards

Applicant	Award Amount
San Francisco Conservation Corps	\$701,259 <u>\$0</u>
Los Angeles Conservation Corps	\$603,457 <u>\$657,400</u>
San Jose Conservation Corps	\$817,563 <u>\$871,506</u>
Sacramento Regional Conservation Corps	\$587,440 <u>\$641,383</u>
Conservation Corps of Long Beach	\$607,957 <u>\$661,900</u>
Urban Corps of San Diego County	\$635,632 <u>\$689,575</u>
Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission	\$799,665 <u>\$853,608</u>
Orange County Conservation Corps	\$886,343 <u>\$940,286</u>
Conservation Corps of North Bay	\$744,326 <u>\$798,269</u>
Sequoia Community Corps	\$671,267 <u>\$725,210</u>
San Joaquin County Office of Education (dba Greater Valley Conservation Corps)	\$600,875 <u>\$654,818</u>
Civicorps Schools	\$1,089,742 <u>\$1,143,685</u>
Southern California Mountains Foundation	\$565,621 <u>\$619,564</u>
Farmworkers Institute of Education and Leadership Development Inc.	\$688,853 <u>\$742,796</u>
Total Award	\$10,000,000

Table 3. SFCC Award Redistribution

<u>LCC1 SFCC Award Funding Reallocation</u>	<u>Reallocation Rounded</u>	<u>Original Allocation</u>	<u>Amended Allocation</u>
<u>San Francisco Conservation Corps</u>	\$0	\$701,259	\$0
<u>Los Angeles Conservation Corps</u>	\$53,943	\$603,457	\$657,400
<u>San Jose Conservation Corps</u>	\$53,943	\$817,563	\$871,506
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<u>Totals</u>	<u>\$701,259</u>	<u>\$10,000,000</u>	<u>\$10,000,000</u>

Deputy Director Action

On the basis of the information and analysis in this Request for Approval and the findings set out herein, I hereby conditionally approve the grant awards for the Local Conservation Corps SB 1013 Grant Program as listed in Table 2. Each proposed grantee's award is subject to two conditions:

1. The recommended grantee must pay all outstanding debts due to CalRecycle, or bring current any outstanding payments owed to CalRecycle, within 60 days of the date of the award email.
2. The recommended grantee's Signature Authority (or where delegation is authorized, his or her Designee) must sign and return the Grant Agreement to CalRecycle. The signed Grant Agreement must be received by CalRecycle within 60 days of the date of the award email.

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