

STAFF REPORT

DATE: 5/6/24

CONSENT

TO: City Council

FROM: Ashley Monterusso, City Planner

AGENDA ITEM: Washington County Recycling Grant

REVIEWED BY: Nicole Miller, City Administrator,
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CORE STRATEGIES:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vibrant, inclusive, connected community | <input type="checkbox"/> Efficient, reliable, innovative services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Responsive, transparent, adaptive governance | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Balanced Finances now and future |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Managed Growth | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resilient Infrastructure |

BACKGROUND:

For several years, the City has been a participant in the Recycling Grant program offered by Washington County. This program allows for reimbursement of costs related to encouraging residential recycling in the City of Lake Elmo.

ISSUE BEFORE COUNCIL:

Should the city approve the Recycling Grant Agreement with Washington County?

PROPOSAL DETAILS/ANALYSIS:

Staff has identified projects including community outreach via the City's website, newsletter and other digital and physical communications to encourage recycling and inform residents of opportunities to reduce their solid waste through recycling. The city will also use the grant to purchase reusable totes for residents that include information about Washington County's recycling programs to hand out at community events such as National Night Out. The project plan has been accepted by Washington County and upon completion of the tasks included the City will receive a grant of \$30,412.00 for 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT:

- Up to \$30,412 will be received if all projects are completed within the scope

OPTIONS:

- Approve the Recycling Grant Agreement
- Deny the Recycling Grant Agreement
- Table for future discussion

RECOMMENDATION:

If removed from the Consent Agenda, staff recommends the following motion:

“Motion to approve the 2025 Grant Agreement for Municipal Recycling Grant Distribution between the City of Lake Elmo and Washington County.”

ATTACHMENTS:

- Grant Agreement
- 2025 Recycling Work Plan