Department Source: City Utilities - Solid Waste

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: April 3, 2017

Re: Authorizing approval of a financial assistance agreement with the Mid-Missouri Solid Waste Management District for grant funding to purchase commercial mini cardboard balers and appropriating funds

Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for Council consideration, an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a Financial Assistance agreement with the Mid Missouri Solid Waste Management District (MMSWMD) for the purchase of commercial mini cardboard balers; and appropriate grant funds and the City’s local match.

Discussion

The Solid Waste Utility applied for and received $30,426.66 from the MMSWMD toward the purchase of eight (8) commercial mini cardboard balers that will be provided to businesses in the Downtown Community Improvement District (CID) and other areas of Columbia. The balers will enable businesses to start recycling cardboard and make it much more convenient for those businesses which currently recycle.

Solid waste services in the CID are provided through common use of trash and recycling containers which are dispersed throughout the CID. Due to the limited space available for recycling containers, some business must transport their recycling materials a few blocks to place it in the closest recycling container.

The mini balers will be placed inside the building of the business and provide the ability to condense cardboard on-site. This will help reduce the overflowing of CID recycling dumpsters and, in turn, provide more convenient access to recycling dumpsters for other businesses and residents. It is anticipated that the mini balers will help increase the overall recycling rate in the CID.

The mini balers will be provided to business based on the following attributes.

* Generates at least 5 tons of cardboard annually and
* Currently does not recycle due to space limitations or
* Needs to privately haul materials at least 200 feet to find a non-full recycling container.

Solid Waste staff will collect and haul the cardboard bales to the Material Recovery Facility for processing.

With this ordinance, staff is appropriating $40,628.89 from the Solid Waste Utility Fund account to the Commercial Mini Cardboard Baler project account. The MMSWMD will reimburse the City $30,426.66 for the purchase of these balers.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: $40,628.89 is being appropriated for the purchase of eight commercial mini cardboard balers. The City's local match is 25% or $10,166.23 that will be paid from the Solid Waste Utility. The MMSWMD will reimburse the City 75% of the cost, or $30,426.66.

Long-Term Impact: There is no long term fiscal impact anticipated.

Vision & Strategic Plan Impact

Primary Impact: Community Facilities & Services, Secondary Impact: Environment, Tertiary Impact: Downtown

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/city-manager/)

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/community_development/comprehensive_plan/documents/ColumbiaImagined-FINAL.pdf)

Primary Impact: Environmental Management, Secondary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Date | Action |
| None | None |

Suggested Council Action

Authorize the Financial Assistance agreement with the Mid-Missouri Solid Waste Management District for the purchase of a commercial mini cardboard balers, and appropriate funds.