

2017/2018 Expenditure Plan

Altamont Settlement Agreement
Education Advisory Board

December 19, 2016

Plan Summary

The Altamont Landfill Settlement Agreement created the Altamont Education Advisory Board to propose allocation of funds in the Education Account for diversion education programs, job training in the field of waste diversion and recycling and mitigating the impacts of the landfill operations on the affected neighboring community. Funds generated from the \$0.34 per ton surcharge originating from the Altamont Landfill are expected to amount to approximately \$500,000 annually. This per ton surcharge fee will be increased based on the consumer price index effective January 1, 2017. Additional funds are also being generated from the implementation of the tipping fee surcharge at the Vasco Road Landfill owned by Republic Services Inc.

The Need

The Altamont Landfill accepts material for disposal from Alameda County jurisdictions, and from the city of San Ramon. Funding programs in diversion education and job training in waste diversion and recycling throughout the landfill service area will preserve the life of the landfill and save resources.

Target Sectors

- Environmental education programs that serve schools
- Non-formal environmental education programs, serving students K-12
- Community-based environmental education programs
- Job training programs in the field of waste diversion and recycling

Funding Goals

- Allocate \$550,000 per year for education and job training programs in waste prevention, source reduction, reuse, recycling, composting, and procurement of recycled content products.
- Report measurable results to the Northern California Recycling Association (NCRA), Alameda County Board of Supervisors and cities of Livermore and Pleasanton on an annual basis.
- Provide up to two cents (\$0.02) of every thirty-four cents (\$0.34) of the Education Account to Alameda Landowners Against Mismanagement (ALARM) for landfill mitigation projects (pursuant to Settlement Agreement sec. 7.3.3)
- Provide up to two percent (2%) of the funds received in the Education Account to the City of Livermore for financial management of the account (pursuant to Settlement Agreement sec. 7.6.2)

Objectives

Grants and projects:

- ❑ Mini-grants – The mini-grant program awards between \$500-\$3,000 to all eligible projects that meet award criteria up to the funding allocation amount. In 2014-15, mini-grants supported environmental science programs and school recycling and composting infrastructure projects.
- ❑ Project grants – The annual grant program would award competitive grants up to \$50,000 for projects that would make significant contributions to the development of sustainable diversion education programs and job training in waste prevention and recycling. Types of projects could include: curriculum development, district-wide diversion education programs, job training programs, and community-based programs.
- ❑ Multiple year grants – Allow applicants for the annual grant program, to propose multiple year grants for up to three years of on-going support.
- ❑ Board initiated projects – Board initiated projects include projects for which a separate solicitation will need to be performed or special projects to be developed by the Board that fulfill a special niche or program area not addressed by the grants program. Types of projects could include job training partnerships, outreach programs, video and website development, and joint projects with other agencies.

Deliverables and Major Milestones

2017-18 Continue to develop job-training partnerships with education institutions, state and community colleges.

1/2017 Initiate development of 2017-18 expenditure plan.

1/2017 Release Request for Grant Applications for project grant solicitation. Announce availability of mini-grants; award mini-grants on an on-going basis.

3/2017 Annual expenditure plan to NCRA, Board of Supervisors and cities of Livermore and Pleasanton.

5/2017 Award project grants for 2017-18 school year.

Assumptions

- ❑ The environmental education community perceives a need for diversion education programs and can develop grant proposals that meet the goals and objectives of the parties to the settlement agreement and the Education Advisory Board.

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- ☐ The Education Advisory Board can identify appropriate partners for enhancing or developing job training programs in waste prevention and recycling.

Constraints

- ☐ Teachers and others involved in environmental education are very busy and may not respond to grant solicitations.
- ☐ Other funding agencies, such as the Alameda County Waste Management Authority and Source Reduction and Recycling Board may have differing priorities that dominate the program offerings.
- ☐ The Education Account has limited funds that must be stretched over a large service area.

Proposed Allocations

Board communications, website	\$5,000
Mini-grants	\$130,000
Project grants	\$265,000
Board initiated projects	\$50,000
Multi-year grants	\$60,000
ALARM mitigation projects	\$10,000
<u>Fund administration</u>	<u>\$30,000</u>
TOTAL	\$550,000

All unexpended funds from previous grant years will be carried over and, if necessary, applied to the 2017-2018 grant year.