



Mayor Jim Gray

LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT
Division of Grants and Special Programs

TO: JIM GRAY, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

FROM: IRENE GOODING, DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

DATE: MARCH 12, 2012

SUBJECT REQUEST COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANT
APPLICATION TO THE KENTUCKY ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT
CABINET REQUESTING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000 FOR
PURCHASE OF A COMINGLED COMMERCIAL SORTING LINE
UNDER THE KENTUCKY RECYCLING GRANT PROGRAM

The Department of Environmental Quality/Division of Waste Management has prepared an application requesting state funds from the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet under the Kentucky Recycling Grant Program. Funds in the amount of \$500,000 are being requested for the purchase of a comingled commercial sorting line.

The purpose of this project is to expand the current recycling program. In the past nine months, the recycling center has begun collecting recyclables through a comingled dumpster program that includes schools and businesses. Commercial recycling is heavy on cardboard which creates problems on the residential sorting line, creating jams and increasing stoppage times. Separate sorting will improve efficiency and increase capacity. Due to a growing interest by businesses and commercial entities in taking advantage of the comingled recycling program, this project has the potential to increase the tonnage of recyclables received at the recycling center.

The project requires a grant match in an amount equal to 25% of the grant funds requested. Division of Waste Management will use \$143,000 for line installation, shipping, and canopy cover. These matching funds will come from the Urban Services Fund (1115). Total project cost is \$643,000.

Council authorization to submit the application is hereby requested.

Irene Gooding, Director

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