

# CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION



**MEETING DATE:** August 24, 2021

**ITEM NUMBER:** 9.C

**SECOND READING:**

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**TYPE OF ITEM:** Consent

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**SUBJECT/AGENDA TITLE:**

A Resolution Of The Longmont City Council Approving An Intergovernmental Agreement With The Colorado Department Of Public Health And Environment For Grant Funding For The Longmont Composting Cart Expansion Program

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The City of Longmont has been awarded \$70,022.56 through the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) Recycling Resources Economic Opportunity (RREO) program. The grant will support the purchase of additional compost carts to help it meet its waste reduction and diversion goals.

The City has established a goal of a 50% waste diversion rate by 2025 for its residential waste stream. To reach that diversion goal, the City aims to increase the current residential composting customer participation rate from 21.8% to 25%. This project will support the City's efforts to increase resident participation in its voluntary (opt-in) curbside composting service to help meet Longmont's waste diversion and related greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction goals. Meeting the City organic waste diversion goals will also contribute to Boulder County's and the State of Colorado's waste diversion and GHG emission reduction goals.

This project entails purchasing 1,000 curbside compost carts for collection by Longmont's renewable natural gas-powered collection fleet. Provision of compost carts will be accompanied by promotional and outreach efforts to educate current and new users in composting best practices to optimize the quality of compostable material.

RREO funding will be used for the purchase of 1,000 carts to allow the City to help meet peak spring/summer new customer demand, thus diverting waste from the landfill, reducing related GHG emissions from organic material, and improving customer experience by avoiding waiting periods for available compost carts.

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**COUNCIL OPTIONS:**

1. Approve Resolution and Grant Agreement.
2. Do not approve the Resolution and Grant Agreement.

**RECOMMENDED OPTIONS:**

Option 1.

**FISCAL IMPACT & FUND SOURCE FOR RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

The City will provide match funding of \$31,143.75, consisting of staff time and truck usage costs from the Sanitation Fund. All resources used for the match are appropriated within the 2021 budget.

**BACKGROUND AND ISSUE ANALYSIS:**

N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Att 1 – Resolution
- Att 2 – Intergovernmental Agreement