

LEGISLATIVE TRACKING FORMFiling for Council Meeting Date: 01/20/26

Resolution



Ordinance

Contact/Prepared By: Andrew SullivanDate Prepared: 12/03/25Title (Caption): Recycling Rebate grant 26-27

Annual funding supplied by TDEC to the five most populous counties for recycling programs. Waste Services will use this grant to purchase

additional recycling carts and AI technology to identify contamination in recycling.

Submitted to Planning Commission? ☒ N/A ☐ Yes-Date: _____ Proposal No: _____Proposing Department: Waste Services Requested By: Andrew SullivanAffected Department(s): Waste Services Affected Council District(s): All**Legislative Category (check one):**

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|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bonds | <input type="checkbox"/> Contract Approval | <input type="checkbox"/> Intergovernmental Agreement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Budget - Pay Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Donation | <input type="checkbox"/> Lease |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Budget - 4% | <input type="checkbox"/> Easement Abandonment | <input type="checkbox"/> Maps |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Capital Improvements | <input type="checkbox"/> Easement Accept/Acquisition | <input type="checkbox"/> Master List A&E |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Capital Outlay Notes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant | <input type="checkbox"/> Settlement of Claims/Lawsuits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Code Amendment | <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Application | <input type="checkbox"/> Street/Highway Improvements |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Condemnation | <input type="checkbox"/> Improvement Acc. | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

FINANCE Amount +/-: \$ \$ 189,568.38**Match:** \$ \$ 189,568.38
Funding Source: Capital Improvement Budget
 Capital Outlay Notes
 Departmental/Agency Budget
 Funds to Metro
 General Obligation Bonds
 Grant
 Increased Revenue Sources

 Judgments and Losses
 Local Government Investment Project
 Revenue Bonds
 Self-Insured Liability
 Solid Waste Reserve
 Unappropriated Fund Balance
 4% Fund
 Other: _____
Approved by OMB: Aaron Pratt *AL*

Approved by Finance/Accounts: _____

Approved by Div Grants Coordination: Juanita Paulsen

Date to Finance Director's Office: _____

APPROVED BY**FINANCE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE:** _____**ADMINISTRATION**

Council District Member Sponsors: _____

Council Committee Chair Sponsors: _____

Approved by Administration: _____ Date: _____

DEPARTMENT OF LAW

Date to Dept. of Law: _____ Approved by Department of Law: _____

Settlement Resolution/Memorandum Approved by: _____Date to Council: _____ For Council Meeting: _____ ☐ E-mailed Clerk
☐ All Dept. Signatures ☐ Copies ☐ Backing ☐ Legislative Summary ☐ Settlement Memo ☐ Clerk Letter ☐ Ready to File

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Finance Department - Pink Copy

GRANT SUMMARY SHEET

Grant Name: Recycling Rebate 26-27

Department: WASTE

Grantor: TENN. DEPT. OF ENVIR. & CONSERVATION

**Pass-Through Grantor
(If applicable):**

Total Award this Action: \$189,568.38

Cash Match Amount \$189,568.38

Department Contact: Andrew Sullivan
9316227

Status: CONTINUATION

Program Description:

Annual funding supplied by TDEC to the five most populous counties for recycling programs. Waste Services will use this grant to purchase additional recycling carts and AI technology to identify contamination in recycling.

Plan for continuation of services upon grant expiration:

n/a

Grants Tracking Form

Part One

Pre-Application <input type="radio"/>		Application <input type="radio"/>		Award Acceptance <input checked="" type="radio"/>		Contract Amendment <input type="radio"/>	
Department		Dept. No.	Contact			Phone	Fax
WASTE		72	Andrew Sullivan			9316227	
Grant Name:		Recycling Rebate 26-27					
Grantor:		TENNESSEE DEPT. OF ENVIRON. & CONSERVATION			Other:		
Grant Period From:		01/01/26	(applications only) Anticipated Application Date:				
Grant Period To:		12/31/26	(applications only) Application Deadline:				
Funding Type:		STATE	Multi-Department Grant <input type="checkbox"/>		If yes, list below.		
Pass-Thru:			Outside Consultant Project: <input type="checkbox"/>				
Award Type:		OTHER	Total Award:		\$189,568.38		
Status:		CONTINUATION	Metro Cash Match:		\$189,568.38		
Metro Category:		Est. Prior.	Metro In-Kind Match:		\$0.00		
CFDA #		N/A	Is Council approval required?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Project Description:		Applic. Submitted Electronically?		<input type="checkbox"/>			
Annual funding supplied by TDEC to the five most populous counties for recycling programs. Waste Services will use this grant to purchase additional recycling carts and AI technology to identify contamination in recycling.							
Plan for continuation of service after expiration of grant/Budgetary Impact:							
n/a							
How is Match Determined?							
Fixed Amount of \$		\$0.00	or	50.0%	% of Grant	Other: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Explanation for "Other" means of determining match:							
For this Metro FY, how much of the required local Metro cash match:							
Is already in department budget?			\$189,568.38	Fund	30501	Business Unit	72804300
Is not budgeted?				Proposed Source of Match:			
(Indicate Match Amount & Source for Remaining Grant Years in Budget Below)							
Other:							
Number of FTEs the grant will fund:			0.00	Actual number of positions added:		0.00	
Departmental Indirect Cost Rate			18.23%	Indirect Cost of Grant to Metro:		\$69,116.63	
*Indirect Costs allowed? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No			% Allow.	0.00%	Ind. Cost Requested from Grantor:		\$0.00
in budget							
*(If "No", please attach documentation from the grantor that indirect costs are not allowable. See Instructions)							
Draw down allowable? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>							
Metro or Community-based Partners:							

Part Two										
Grant Budget										
Budget Year	Metro Fiscal Year	Federal Grantor	State Grantor	Other Grantor	Local Match Cash	Match Source (Fund, BU)	Local Match In-Kind	Total Grant Each Year	Indirect Cost to Metro	Ind. Cost Neg. from Grantor
Yr 1	FY26		\$189,568.38		\$189,568.38	30501, 72804300		\$379,136.76	\$69,116.63	\$0.00
Yr 2	FY27									
Yr 3	FY__									
Yr 4	FY__									
Yr 5	FY__									
Total		\$0.00	\$189,568.38	\$0.00	\$189,568.38		\$0.00	\$379,136.76	\$69,116.63	\$0.00
Date Awarded:				12/03/25	Tot. Awarded:	\$189,568.38	Contract#:	2025-13321		
(or) Date Denied:					Reason:					
(or) Date Withdrawn:					Reason:					

Contact: juanita.paulsen@nashville.gov
vaughn.wilson@nashville.gov

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

A resolution accepting a Recycling Rebate Grant from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation to the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Nashville Department of Waste Services, to purchase curbside recycling carts and use AI technology to identify contamination in recycling.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation has awarded a grant, in an amount not to exceed \$189,568.38 with a required cash match of \$189,568.38 to the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Nashville Department of Waste Services, to purchase curbside recycling carts and use AI technology to identify contamination in recycling; and,

WHEREAS, it is to the benefit of the citizens of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County that this grant be accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. That the recycling rebate grant by and between the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, in an amount not to exceed \$189,568.38, to the Metropolitan Government, acting by and through the Nashville Department of Waste Services, to purchase curbside recycling carts and use AI technology to identify contamination in recycling, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, is hereby approved, and the Metropolitan Mayor is authorized to execute the same.

Section 2. That the amount of this grant be appropriated to the Nashville Department of Waste Services, based on the revenues estimated to be received and any match to be applied.

Section 3. That this resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

APPROVED AS TO AVAILABILITY
OF FUNDS:

Jenneen Reed/mjr
Jenneen Reed, Director
Finance Department

INTRODUCED BY:

Member(s) of Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGALITY:

Courtney Mohan
Assistant Metropolitan Attorney

From: [Robin Chance](#)
To: [Harrman, Jennifer \(NWS\)](#)
Cc: [Sullivan, Andrew \(NWS\)](#); [Amber Greene](#); [Cory Lingerfelt](#)
Subject: Re: 2025 Recycling Rebate
Date: Thursday, December 4, 2025 11:28:17 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

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Oh goodness hold a second-

Y'all have the rebate which is not a contract and my brain went to the Recycling Equipment Grant since I opened that up to cities in top 5 too and are currently processing those award letters.

So on the Rebate since it is not a contract, getting it signed in January is fine! Sorry about the confusion!

From: Harrman, Jennifer (NWS) <Jenn.Harrman@nashville.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 4, 2025 10:36:40 AM
To: Robin Chance <Robin.Chance@tn.gov>
Cc: Sullivan, Andrew (NWS) <Andrew.Sullivan@nashville.gov>; Amber Greene <Amber.Greene@tn.gov>; Cory Lingerfelt <Cory.Lingerfelt@tn.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: 2025 Recycling Rebate

Hi Robin,

I will send this to the Mayor's Office and see if they can sign in advance. Metro's council process for grants is a two-step process. We have to get council approval to apply and then when we receive the award it has to be approved again, so we cannot go through Council approval for the award until it is received.

Best,
Jenn

Jenn Harrman (she/her)
Administrative Services Manager
Metropolitan Government of Nashville & Davidson County
[Nashville Department of Waste Services](#)
Office: 615-880-2419
Cell: 615-456-3720



From: Robin Chance <Robin.Chance@tn.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 4, 2025 10:15 AM
To: Harrman, Jennifer (NWS) <Jenn.Harrman@nashville.gov>
Cc: Sullivan, Andrew (NWS) <Andrew.Sullivan@nashville.gov>; Amber Greene <Amber.Greene@tn.gov>; Cory Lingerfelt <Cory.Lingerfelt@tn.gov>
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Hey Jenn,

Unfortunately, we are not able to process a contract after the date on the award letter. If you needed a week we can extend the award letter signature, but we cannot extend the grant contract past that date. Due to holidays and execution process, grants must be ready to receive signatures as soon as possible after award. Once you all sign it, it takes several weeks for our Commissioner to review and sign. This is why we ask that grantees go through council and commission boards during the application phase of the process. I apologize, but that won't be possible due to the timeline. Please let me know how you would like to move forward or if there is another solution to expedite on your end. Thanks.



Robin Chance | Grants Program Manager
Division of Solid Waste Management
Davy Crockett Tower, 7th Floor
500 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37243
Work Cell: 615-571-6364
Robin.Chance@TN.gov

We value your feedback! Please complete our [customer satisfaction survey](#).

From: Harrman, Jennifer (NWS) <Jenn.Harrman@nashville.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 10:52 AM
To: Amber Greene <Amber.Greene@tn.gov>; Cory Lingerfelt <Cory.Lingerfelt@tn.gov>; Robin Chance <Robin.Chance@tn.gov>
Cc: Sullivan, Andrew (NWS) <Andrew.Sullivan@nashville.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2025 Recycling Rebate

Hi all,

We are struggling to get a contract in place for the AI pilot that is part of our current rebate. We will be good to go for next year's rebate, but I'm not sure what to do about accomplishing this year's requirements as the cooperative purchasing agreement is still in limbo for the provider. Are we able to extend reimbursement into next calendar year? If so, I believe we can get this settled by first quarter of 2026.

Thanks for any assistance on this matter.

Jenn

Jenn Harrman

Administrative Services Manager

Metropolitan Government of Nashville & Davidson County

[Nashville Department of Waste Services](#)

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STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION
Division of Solid Waste Management
Davy Crockett Tower, 7th Floor
500 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

November 24, 2025

The Honorable Freddie O'Connell
Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Mayor
100 Metro Courthouse
Nashville, TN 37201

RE: Recycling Rebate – Award Letter
Application ID # 2025-13321

Dear Mayor O'Connell:

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), Division of Solid Waste Management (DSWM), Materials Management Program (MMP), Grants Administration, has completed the review of the Recycling Rebate Applications for Year and is pleased to offer Entity the *Recycling Rebate* amount of \$185,611.70 allotted to it and an additional \$3,956.68 originally allocated to municipalities who did not submit an application within Davidson County.

The *Recycling Rebate* will begin on **January 1, 2026**. As stipulated in T.C.A. § 68-211-825 (b), the funds made available in the Recycling Rebate shall be allocated for "recycling purposes" including, but not limited to, purchasing equipment used to process recyclable materials and reduce solid waste. Such equipment may include, but is not limited to, containers, balers, crushers and grinders. Eligible qualifying expenses are those that are incurred from **January 1, 2026**, through **December 31, 2026**, and meet the guidelines in the Recycling Rebate Manual attached to this letter. Please reach out to the Grants Administration in advance for clarification of an approved expense prior to purchase. Ineligible purchases will not be approved for reimbursement.

Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County has been awarded the amount of \$189,568.38. Recycling Rebate recipients must expend from local funds in an amount equal to the amount of the requested reimbursement. The State's Maximum Liability is \$189,568.38, so any purchases made above and beyond that amount will be the responsibility of Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County.

PLEASE NOTE: This award letter must be electronically signed by Mayor Freddie O'Connell using Adobe Acrobat Sign by **December 8, 2025**. Handwritten signatures will not be accepted. **This award letter is NOT permission to proceed with Rebate activities or purchases.** The **Title VI Training Certification** must be submitted in 2026 before any reimbursement requests will be reviewed or approved.

Mayor Freddie O'Connell
November 24, 2025
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If you have not received the contract for signature by the date above or there are questions or concerns, please contact the Grants Program Manager, Robin Chance, at Robin.Chance@tn.gov or by phone at 615-571-6364.

Sincerely,



Lisa A. Hughey, CHMM
Director

cc: Jenn Harrman, Admin Services Manager, Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County
Amber Greene, Program Administrator 1, DSWM
Cavene McHayle, Program Administrator 1, DSWM
Cory Lingerfelt, Grants Analyst, DSWM
Will Nolan, Grants Analyst, DSWM
Ashley Harrison, Grants Analyst, DSWM

I agree that I have read the award letter and understand that purchases or downpayments on equipment or services before the above-listed activities are completed WILL NOT be eligible for reimbursement. I also agree that if the signature of this award letter is not received by December 8, 2025, this award offer may be rescinded.

The Honorable Freddie O'Connell, Mayor

Date

**METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF
NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY**

Tracey Thurman
Waste Services Department

12/3/25
Date

APPROVED AS TO AVAILABILITY
OF FUNDS:

Jennaeen Reed/mjr
Director of Finance Date
Department of Finance

12/30/2025 | 11:28 AM CST

APPROVED AS TO RISK AND INSURANCE:

Balogun Cobb
Director of Insurance

1/5/2026 | 10:12 AM CST

Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGALITY:

Courtney Mohan
Metropolitan Attorney

1/5/2026 | 9:18 AM CST

Date

Freddie O' Connell
Metropolitan Mayor

Date _____

ATTEST:

Metropolitan Clerk

Date _____