

Legislation Text

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**Dept/ Agency:** Public Works/Division of Sanitation Action: (X) Ratifying (X) Authorizing () Amending Type of Service: Acceptance of Grant Funds Purpose: 2014 Recycling Tonnage Grant Entity Name: City of Newark Entity Address: 920 Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey 07102 Grant Amount: \$552,249.38 Funding Source: New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Total Project Cost: \$0.00 City Contribution: \$0.00 Other Funding Source/Amount: \$0.00 **Contract Period:** There is no specific time frame within which the funds must be expended as long as the funds are used only for the City's recycling program Contract Basis: ( ) Bid ( ) State Vendor ( ) Prof. Ser. ( ) EUS () Fair & Open () No Reportable Contributions () RFP () RFQ () Private Sale (X) Grant () Sub-recipient () n/a Additional Information: Related legislation: Legistar File ID 17-1228

**WHEREAS,** the New Jersey "Clean Communities and Recycling Act" of 1981, created the Municipal Recycling Tonnage Grant Program, whereby municipalities could receive a grant for the amount of materials documented as being recycled during the previous calendar year; and

**WHEREAS,** in 1987, the New Jersey "Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act," specifically N.J.S.A. 13:1E-99.16, mandated that municipalities submit an annual Recycling Tonnage Report summarizing the amount of material recycled during the previous calendar year; and

**WHEREAS**, in January 2008, the "Recycling Enhancement Act," specifically N.J.S.A. 13:1E-96.b(1) reestablished the State of New Jersey Recycling Fund as a non-lapsing, revolving fund, administered by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("NJDEP"), from which a tonnage grant may be provided to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Recycling Tonnage Grant program does not require the submission of an official application to receive an award nor does the NJDEP issue official award letters, rather grant funds are provided to the City via direct deposit; and

WHEREAS, in order to remain eligible for a direct recycling grant, municipalities need only submit an annual recycling tonnage report to the NJDEP for the previous calendar year's recycling; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 6, 2014 the City of Newark caused a 2014 annual Recycling Tonnage Report to be filed with the NJDEP (see "Tonnage Report" attached hereto and made a part hereof); and

**WHEREAS** on or about December 29, 2016, the NJDEP issued a check for the 2014 Recycling Tonnage Grant funds awarded to the City in the amount of \$552,249.38, which was directly deposited into the City's account on January 18, 2017 (see "Deposit Summary" report attached hereto and made a part hereof); and

**WHEREAS,** the Director of Public Works wishes to accept said 2014 Recycling Tonnage Grant funds; and

**WHEREAS,** no grant agreement is required in order to accept the 2014 Recycling Tonnage Grant funds; and

**WHEREAS,** no matching municipal funds are required for acceptance of the 2014 Recycling Tonnage Grant funds; and

**WHEREAS,** there is no timeframe for which the City may expend Tonnage Grant Funds as long as all recycling tonnage grant monies received are expended only for the City's recycling program, pursuant to the Recycling Enhancement Act.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

1. The Mayor and/or his designee is hereby authorized to submit its 2014 annual Recycling Tonnage Report with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("NJDEP") for use for the City's recycling program. (a copy of the "Tonnage Report" is attached hereto and made a part hereof).

2. The Municipal Council hereby ratifies its authorization of the submission of the annual Recycling Tonnage Report from July 6, 2014 to the date of adoption of this authorizing resolution.

3. The Mayor and/or his designee, Director of Public Works are hereby authorized to accept the 2014 Recycling Tonnage Grant in the amount of \$552,249.38 from the NJDEP for use for the City's recycling program (a copy of the "Deposit Summary" report is attached hereto and made a part hereof).

4. The acceptance of the 2014 Recycling Tonnage Grant from the NJDEP is hereby ratified from January 18, 2017 to the date of adoption of this authorizing resolution.

5. No grant agreement is required in order to accept the 2014 Recycling Tonnage Grant funds; and

6. No matching municipal funds are required for acceptance of the 2014 Recycling Tonnage Grant funds; and

7. There is no timeframe for which the City may expend the 2014 Tonnage Grant Funds

as long as all recycling tonnage grant monies received are expended only for the City's recycling program, pursuant to the Recycling Enhancement Act

8. The Director of the Department of Public Works shall file a fully-executed copy of the 2014 annual Recycling Tonnage Report, and the "Deposit Summary" report from the NJDEP in the Office of City Clerk.

## **STATEMENT**

This resolution ratifies and authorizes: (1) the actions taken by the City of Newark to submit the 2014 annual Recycling Tonnage Report with the NJDEP, and; (2) the Director of the Department of Public Works to accept the 2014 Recycling Tonnage Grant funds in the amount of \$552,249.38 from the NJDEP for use for the City's recycling program. No municipal funds are required. The funds do not need to be expended within a specific time frame as long as the funds are used for the City's recycling program.