



MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 28, 2019

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
Dave Perrault, City Administrator

FROM: Mike Mrosła, Community Development Manager\City Planner

SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing the Application for Recycling SCORE Grant Funds from Ramsey County for 2020

Budgeted Amount:
NA

Actual Amount:
NA

Funding Source:
NA

Council Should Consider

Approving Resolution 2019-034 Authorizing the Application for Recycling SCORE Grant Funds from Ramsey County for 2020.

Background/Discussion

The City is eligible to apply for grant money from Ramsey County’s recycling SCORE grant program for 2020. Grant funds can be used to offset the cost of the City’s recycling program, including administration, equipment, and collection costs. In the past, the City has primarily used the funds to offset collection costs and the annual spring and fall community Cleanup Day costs. The County requires a resolution from the City Council to authorize the application for the SCORE grant.

The 2020 grant allocation for Arden Hills will be communicated in the SCORE Agreement that will be sent to the City after the application deadline of October 31, 2019. It is expected that the City will be eligible for roughly the same amount of funding as 2019, which was \$23,597.

The budget for the City’s recycling program in 2019 was \$173,030.00. The \$23,597 in SCORE grant money offset approximately 13.6% of the base cost of the residential recycling program. Revenue share from the recycling hauler also plays a role in reducing the base cost of the recycling program. Recycling fees, which are assessed to each participating residential property, cover the remaining portion of the recycling budget.

New this year to the SCORE grant program are financial incentives for actions above and beyond the minimum work plan. These incentives include bulky waste collection, engaging small businesses in recycling, promoting BizRecycle for food waste reductions and organics recycling programs, co-sponsoring an organics drop-off site, or other activities approved by Ramsey County. Each incentive is worth about \$2,249, and each city can apply for up to two incentives, a potential value of about \$4,498. City staff is working to determine what incentives to pursue.

Budget Impact:

NA

Attachment

A: Resolution 2019-034