



City of Kansas City, Missouri

Docket Memo

Ordinance/Resolution #: 240718

Submitted Department/Preparer: City Manager's Office

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Docket memos are required on all ordinances initiated by a Department Director. More information can be found in [Administrative Regulation \(AR\) 4-1](#).

Executive Summary

Accepting and approving \$52,292.00 grant award from the Mid-America Regional Council Solid Waste Management District Grant Program to pilot waste diversion at city-permitted events; estimating and appropriating \$52,292.00 in the General Grants Fund; and recognizing this ordinance as having an accelerated effective date.

Discussion

The Mid-America Regional Council Solid Waste Management District serves as a regional solid waste planning agency for local governments in Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte, and Ray counties in Missouri. As part of its efforts, the District provides financial support in the form of annual grants for implementing waste reduction, reuse, recycling, and composting projects with a primary goal of increasing waste diversion within the district.

The Office of Environmental Quality (OEQ) in collaboration with the City Manager's Office submitted an application to the second round of funding in 2024 and received \$52,292.00 to pilot waste diversion efforts at 12 city-permitted events during the grant cycle (Summer 2024 – Summer 2025). These funds will be used to provide recycling and composting services to 12 events, 2 in each Council District, during the funding cycle. During this time, OEQ will also collect data to inform future city-permitted event waste diversion efforts in alignment with the City's Climate Protection & Resiliency Plan's Waste & Materials short term actions.

Fiscal Impact

1. Is this legislation included in the adopted budget? Yes No

2. What is the funding source?

The funds are coming from the Mid-America Regional Council's Solid Waste Management District Grant Program and into 25-2580-105009-B.

The funds would be appropriated to the General Grants Fund.

3. How does the legislation affect the current fiscal year?
This legislation appropriates a grant award in the current fiscal year. This is additional grant funding for city-permitted event waste diversion.
4. Does the legislation have a fiscal impact in future fiscal years? Please notate the difference between one-time and recurring costs.
The award amount of \$52,292.00 will be distributed once. However, since the grant cycle goes through Summer 2025, the funds may carry over into the next Fiscal Year, 25-26.
5. Does the legislation generate revenue, leverage outside funding, or deliver a return on investment?
Yes, since these funds are being received from an outside grant award, they are leveraging outside funding. Additionally, conducting this pilot will allow OEQ to collect data on waste diversion at city-permitted events in order to determine the possible financial impacts of future actions and strategies related to event waste diversion suggested in the City's Climate Protection & Resiliency Plan.

Office of Management and Budget Review
(OMB Staff will complete this section.)

1. This legislation is supported by the general fund. Yes No
2. This fund has a structural imbalance. Yes No
3. Account string has been verified/confirmed. Yes No

Additional Discussion (if needed)

This legislation estimates revenue sufficient to cover the additional appropriation.

Citywide Business Plan (CWBP) Impact

1. View the [Adopted 2025-2029 Citywide Business Plan](#)
2. Which CWBP goal is most impacted by this legislation?
Infrastructure and Accessibility (Press tab after selecting.)
3. Which objectives are impacted by this legislation (select all that apply):
 - Engage in thoughtful planning and redesign of existing road networks to ensure safety, access, and mobility of users of all ages and abilities.
 - Enhance the City's connectivity, resiliency, and equity through a better-connected multi-modal transportation system for all users.

- Build on existing strengths while developing a comprehensive transportation plan for the future.
- Develop environmentally sustainable infrastructure strategies that improve quality of life and foster economic growth.
- Ensure adequate resources are provided for continued maintenance of existing infrastructure.
- Focus on delivery of safe connections to schools.

Prior Legislation

Service Level Impacts

The pilot will provide 12 event organizers (2 in each City Council District) with waste diversion (composting and recycling) services at city-permitted events throughout the grant cycle. This will both provide a service to event organizers and residents. Event organizers participating in the pilot will benefit from additional waste diversion services provided free of charge and residents attending the events will be able to both compost and recycle their waste instead of throwing everything into the trash/landfill. Across all 12 events we have an estimated goal of serving 35,000 residents.

Other Impacts

1. What will be the potential health impacts to any affected groups?
Reducing the amount of waste that goes to the City's landfills will ultimately reduce the methane released from the landfills, a potent greenhouse gas that contributes to climate change. This will ultimately improve air quality in our City, particularly in neighborhoods closely located to landfills.
2. How have those groups been engaged and involved in the development of this ordinance?
As part of the pilot, residents attending the events will be surveyed to determine their impressions of the waste diversion efforts. Additionally, OEQ will survey event organizers and workers to solicit feedback on the success of waste diversion efforts at the events.
3. How does this legislation contribute to a sustainable Kansas City?
Currently, waste diversion services are only required at a very limited set of city-permitted events. Recycling is only required at events on KC Parks & Recreation property with over 500 attendees and composting is never required. However, per the City's Climate Protection & Resiliency Plan, one of the short-term actions listed under the Waste & Materials section is Action W-1.9: Establish requirements for waste diversion at all City-permitted events.

Before moving forward with updating requirements in the City's codes, OEQ wanted the opportunity to gather data on event waste diversion services at a number of events throughout the City. This will allow OEQ a chance to learn about the challenges and opportunities requirements for waste diversion at City-permitted events could bring and therefore inform a more well thought out policy change.

Overall, this will contribute to a sustainable Kansas City by reducing the amount of waste that is sent to the landfills in Kansas City. By doing this, we are reducing the amount of methane gas, a potent greenhouse gas, released by landfills that contributes to climate change. We are also diverting waste to be both recycled and composted. Recycling conserves natural resources as the more that can be reused, the less mining and processing of raw materials is necessary. Composting is used to create an organic fertilizer that helps grow our food and plants and improves soil health. Should this pilot lead to a broader policy change for the City, these impacts would only be magnified.

4. Does this legislation create or preserve new housing units?
No (Press tab after selecting)

5. Department staff certifies the submission of any application Affirmative Action Plans or Certificates of Compliance, Contractor Utilization Plans (CUPs), and Letters of Intent to Subcontract (LOIs) to CREO prior to, or simultaneously with, the legislation entry request in Legistar.

No - CREO's review is not applicable (Press tab after selecting)

Please provide reasoning why not:

This ordinance is simply to accept, approve, and appropriate grant funds.

6. Does this legislation seek to approve a contract resulting from an Invitation for Bid?

No(Press tab after selecting)

7. Does this legislation seek to approve a contract resulting from a Request for Proposal/Qualification (RFP/Q)?

No(Press tab after selecting)

