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GRANT SUBMITTAL TO PURCHASE RECYCLING CONTAINERS FOR USE IN DOWNTOWN

PURPOSE: The purpose of this agenda item is to request the Board of Aldermen authorize Town staff to submit a grant proposal to the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NCDENR) for the purchase of recycling containers for use in the downtown business area.

DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS

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INFORMATION: Proposals for the 2013 Community Waste Reduction and Recycling Grants must be submitted to NCDENR by March 1, 2013. The purpose of this program is to assist local governments with waste reduction and recycling programs. The Environmental Advisory Board (EAB) has suggested the Town submit a grant to fund the installation of recycling bins downtown. Based on earlier reports of the estimated amounts by weight of recyclable material in roadside trash receptacles (about 35%) and observations by the Town's Solid Waste Supervisor, Town staff concurs that this would be a good project. It is estimated that approximately 9 containers would provide a broad range of coverage throughout the downtown area.

Notification of grant awards is expected in about April of 2013. It is anticipated that grant contracts resulting from this grant cycle would begin July 1, 2013 and end June 30, 2014. Funds must be expended within one year of contract execution.

FISCAL IMPACT: The approximate cost of 9 units including shipping is \$10,500. The grant request will be for about \$8,750. Grantees are required to provide a cash match of at least 20% of the grant award which in this case will be about \$1,750. \$2,000 will be included in the FY13/14 budget which will provide some cushion should shipping costs increase. Installation will be done with town resources and are expected to be relatively low as most units will be bolted to existing hard surfaces.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board of Aldermen authorize Town

staff to submit a 2013 Community Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant proposal for the purchase of recycling containers to be used in the downtown.