



City of Beverly, Massachusetts

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RE: BEVERLY AWARDED \$31,500 RECYCLING DIVIDENDS PROGRAM GRANT FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

BEVERLY – The City of Beverly was recently awarded a \$31,500 Sustainable Materials Recovery Program - Recycling Dividends Program (RDP) grant from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) Bureau of Air & Waste. The grants are designed to help maximize recycling, composting and waste reduction programs.

The Baker-Polito Administration awarded more than \$2.6 million in recycling grants to 247 Massachusetts cities, towns, and solid waste districts, and unveiled a new Recycle Smart initiative and web site to emphasize the importance of recycling only those materials that processing plants are equipped to handle in recycling bins.

In the first round of 2018 Sustainable Materials Recovery Program (SMRP)/Recycling Dividends Program (RDP) funding, 247 communities will receive “Recycling Dividends Program” grant funding. The RDP recognizes municipalities that have implemented policies and programs proven to maximize materials for reuse, recycling, and waste reduction. Communities must reinvest RDP funds into their recycling programs on expenditures such as new recycling bins, public education outreach campaigns, collection of hard-to-recycle items, and the establishment of recycling programs in schools, municipal buildings and other public spaces.

“Thanks to Governor Baker, Lieutenant Governor Polito and the MassDEP for this RDP grant that gives our community the opportunity to make critical investments in our recycling program, to reuse, reduce and cut both our amounts of trash and costs for trash disposal, saving valuable dollars. Beverly is fully committed to being an eco-friendly, sustainable and green community,” stated Beverly Mayor Michael Cahill.

City of Beverly Engineering Project Coordinator Rob Dever commented “Beverly is grateful to receive this grant award from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection that will help the city to continue to reuse, recycle and further our waste reduction goals. The City of Beverly has been designated a Green Community since 2011. Thank you to Sharon Kishida, MassDEP Municipal Assistance Coordinator for the Northeast District 2, for her support in developing this successful grant application.”

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