



Board of Commissioners

Resolution

B2022-228

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Sponsor: Public Health

Meeting Date: 9/27/2022

Title: 2023 Recycling & Energy Board Joint Activities Budget

File Number: 2022-497

Background and Rationale:

The Joint Powers Agreement creating the Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy Board (R&E Board) provides that the two county boards retain authority to approve the Joint Activities Budget of the R&E Board. That budget is used to administer and carry out joint waste management activities and includes non-R&E Center related activities of the R&E Board. Joint waste management activities are derived from the counties' respective solid waste management plans where policies and strategies have intentionally been aligned.

While the 2022-2023 Joint Activities Budget was approved by the R&E Board on July 22, 2021 and the Ramsey County Board on September 21, 2021, the R&E Board has the authority to adjust the budget for the 2023 year.

On July 28, 2022, the R&E Board approved and recommended that each county board approve the amended 2023 Joint Activities Budget (Resolution R&EB-2022-12). This amendment includes adding two full-time equivalent positions to the complement, one Planning Specialist and one Program Assistant. These positions are funded neutrally within the Joint Activities Budget. This is based on savings from various categories including unspent funds in the Business Pollution Prevention grant program, a portion of funding intended for a Community Resource Hub that is still in the planning stages and funding allocated to develop additional bulky waste management strategies. County contributions do not change with this amendment.

The attached Joint Activities Budget documentation from the R&E Board includes:

- R&E Board 2023 Joint Activities Budget Memos.
- R&E Board 2023 Joint Activities Budget.
- R&E Request for Board.
- R&E Board Resolution.

The Joint Activities Budget is summarized below for the period 2018 -2023. The budget for 2023 year remains the same as previously approved on July 22, 2021.

| | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------|------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| Total Joint Activities Budget | | | | \$10,725,643 | \$9,780,831 | \$9,053,290 | \$9,083,369 | \$10,707,727 | \$11,609,454 | |
| Washington County (27%) | | | \$2,895,924 | \$2,640,824 | \$1,914,290 | \$1,922,230 | \$2,891,086 | \$3,134,553 | | |
| Ramsey County (73%) | | | \$7,829,729 | \$7,140,007 | \$5,175,674 | \$5,197,139 | \$7,016,641 | \$8,474,901 | | |
| Ramsey-Only Funds | | N/A | N/A | \$1,964,000 | \$1,964,000 | \$800,000* | | | | |

*Anticipated carryover Ramsey-only funds from 2021

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

Accept and approve the amended 2023 Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy Board Joint Activities Budget as recommended by the Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy Board.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner McDonough, seconded by Commissioner McGuire. Motion passed.

Aye: - 7: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, Ortega, and Reinhardt

By: 

Mee Cheng, Chief Clerk - County Board