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TO: County Recycling Coordinators
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SUBJECT: Clarification re: Local Support Criterion for 2000-2001 Innovative
Recycling/Waste Reduction Grants

We have received reports that some applicants for this year's Innovative Recycling/Waste Reduction Grants are calculating their percentage local match differently than what we requested.

We assume that the miscalculations are occurring due to a misunderstanding as to what we meant by match. My September 8, 2000 memo ("2000-2001 Innovative Recycling/Waste Reduction Grants Update") contained this information about the Local Support criterion:

(10 Points) Local Support: *Demonstrate local support for the proposed program by the commitment of cash or in-kind matching funds.*

Discussion: Either public or private sector contributions may count as match. Points for either cash or in-kind matching funds will be allocated per the following:

- 0 points 0% up to and including 1% of total project cost
- 1 points Greater than 1% up to and including 10% of total project cost
- 2 points Greater than 10% up to and including 20% of total project cost
- 3 points Greater than 20% up to and including 30% of total project cost
- 4 points Greater than 30% up to and including 40% of total project cost
- 5 points Greater than 40% up to and including 50% of total project cost
- 6 points Greater than 50% up to and including 60% of total project cost
- 7 points Greater than 60% up to and including 70% of total project cost
- 8 points Greater than 70% up to and including 80% of total project cost
- 9 points Greater than 80% up to and including 90% of total project cost
- 10 points Greater than 90% up to and including 100% of total project cost

For example, a project's total cost will be \$100,000 and \$50,500 of that will be covered by in-kind match while the other \$49,500 will be covered by an Innovative Recycling/Waste Reduction Grant. This is a 50.5% match. The proposal would receive 6 points under this criterion.

Proposals should clearly state (a) the amount of matching funds and (b) the percentage of matching funds as part of total project costs.

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Please note that the above excerpt and example calculation is based the percentage match of **total project cost, not total grant requested**. If it had been based on total grant requested, the example calculation would have looked like this:

For example, a project's total cost will be \$100,000 and \$50,500 of that will be covered by in-kind match while the other \$49,500 will be covered by an Innovative Recycling/Waste Reduction Grant. This is a 102% match. The proposal would receive 10 points under this criterion.

Following are the formulas used for each of the above example calculations:

- Total grant requested + Total local match cost = Total project cost
- Example 1: $(\text{Total local match cost} / \text{Total project cost}) \times 100 = \text{Percentage local match}$
- Example 2: $(\text{Total local match cost} / \text{Total grant requested}) \times 100 = \text{Percentage local match}$

What we suspect happened is that some applicants did not read our September 8 memorandum closely, and assumed that Example 2 was the calculation to use, because that is a commonly accepted way to calculate match. However, the Example 1 calculation is what we requested, and that is what we will use in correcting any errant grant applications.

For those of you who are dissatisfied with us using the Example 1 calculation this year, we will be happy to reconsider the issue during next year's grant process (assuming the Legislature decides to continue these grants for another year).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Innovative Recycling/Waste Reduction Grants program manager: **Jennifer Caldwell-Kurka (850/488-0300, Suncom 278-0300; jennifer.caldwell-kurka@dep.state.fl.us)**.