

**Indian River County, Florida
Solid Waste Disposal District
Board Memorandum**

Date: October 14, 2019

To: Jason E. Brown, County Administrator

From: Vincent Burke, PE, Director of Utility Services
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Subject: Recycling at Charter Schools

Descriptions and Conditions:

At the July 3, 2018 meeting, the Indian River County (IRC) Solid Waste Disposal District (SWDD) Board discussed the expansion of the successful School District of IRC recycling program to the various charter schools in the county. Staff has been working on the initial planning for the recycling expansion to the following five county charter schools: Imagine South Vero, Indian River Charter High School, North County Charter Elementary, Sebastian Charter Junior High School, and St. Peter's Academy, to establish a robust campus-wide recycling program at each school.

The implementation of this program will be the same as the program currently up and running in most of the public schools throughout the county. The five charter schools will receive the necessary recycling containers, equipment and education needed to start a successful recycling program. Next week, the program will be implemented in the remaining public schools.

Analysis:

To bring this program to fruition, SWDD applied for, and was awarded, a monetary grant of \$2,500 from Waste Management's Think Green Grant Program. The SWDD staff would like to publically thank Waste Management for their efforts in supporting efforts to increase recycling to our charter schools. SWDD has determined that the total cost for this program will be approximately \$4,500. Therefore, staff is requesting that the SWDD Board support the program by providing the additional \$2,000 needed for completion. Staff would utilize the total funding to procure the needed materials and schedule a systematic launch of the program.

At some point in the future, staff will request the SWDD Board to adopt a resolution to approve the transfer of the donation, under section 125.38, Florida Statutes, to the various County Charter Schools.

Funding:

Funding for the recycling containers is available as a sustainability item in the SWDD recycling account under Other Operating Supplies, Account No. 41125534-035290, which is funded from SWDD assessments and user fees. The account has a total budget of \$30,000.

Description	Account Number	Amount
Recycling – Other Operating Supplies	41125534-035290	\$2,000

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Solid Waste Disposal District Board approve the funding of up to \$2,000 to support the expansion of the school recycling program to the five county charter schools.