

# Funding Methods and Sources for Recycling Programs

## Sources of Government Funding:

### *U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*

#### ■ **Region 6 Funding for Solid Waste Projects**

Solid Waste Grants may be used to assist in advancing recycling waste management programs at the local level.

#### ■ **Solid Waste Management Assistance**

This grant program provides money for demonstration projects that promote effective integrated solid waste management.

### *US Dept of Commerce*

- Offers grants to local governments for projects aimed at revitalizing depressed areas of cities. These grants could help to fund local, private investment in the recycling industry.

### *Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC)*

#### ■ **Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Pass-Through Grants Program**

H-GAC administers these funds for projects aimed at reducing the amount of municipal solid waste going to landfills or reducing improper disposal.

In FY 2004-2005, H-GAC provided \$3 million in TCEQ funding for local government projects, including source reduction, recycling, technical studies, HHW/E-waste collections, public education, community cleanups and local enforcement efforts.

## Sources of Private Funding:

### *Governments and Not-for-Profits*

#### ■ **Union Carbide Foundation, Inc.**

The Union Carbide Foundation funds programs stressing education, technological innovation, and sustainable development. Recent grants included support for recycling and conservation.

#### ■ **The Meadows Foundation**

The Dallas-based Meadows Foundation awards grant funding for a wide variety of projects within the state of Texas – including projects designed to enhance the environment. In 2004 alone, the Foundation awarded nearly \$26 million in grants and has awarded a total of five grants for various recycling programs since 1996.

#### ■ **Amy Shelton McNutt Charitable Trust**

The Amy Shelton McNutt Charitable Trust is a San Antonio-based charity that provides grants focusing on a number of fields of interest within Texas, including the improvement of the environment. The foundation would consider providing grants related to improving recycling efforts within the state of Texas.

#### ■ **The Home Depot Foundation**

One of the Home Depot Foundation's four grant initiatives is focused on improving the environment. Grants for multi-family recycling would fit within the Home Depot Foundation's scope of interest.

- **The Wal-Mart Foundation**

Since 2000, the Wal-Mart Foundation has raised over \$6 million in support of environmental causes. Each Wal-Mart store has an assistant manager who acts as a liaison on environmental issues between the company and the community. The City could contact these individuals at local Wal-Mart stores to explore the possibility of obtaining funding for the multi-family recycling program through the Wal-Mart Foundation.

*Not-for-Profits Only:*

- **ARCO Foundation**

Provides grants to nonprofit organizations in the areas of education, community, arts and humanities, environment, and public information. Priority is given to environmental education, land preservation efforts, and environmental organizations that support rational land use and natural resource policies.

- **AT&T Foundation**

Provides grants in two environmentally related categories: education and civic and community service. In particular, the foundation is interested in supporting community-based and national projects in the areas of source reduction and recycling, clean air, and clean water.

- **BankAmerica Foundation**

Provides funding for local environmental organizations in communities where BankAmerica has a strong presence. Targeted areas include land conservation, urban gardens, recycling, and education and training.

- **Captain Planet Foundation**

Sponsors innovative, hands-on projects that empower children worldwide to work individually and collectively to solve environmental problems. Grants provide support for urban gardens, recycling, habitat and wildlife protection, beautification, and water quality.

- **The Tides Foundation**

Provides funding for programs in natural resource conservation, land use, preservation, and stewardship; water issues; recycling; and others.

- **WMX Environmental Grant Program**

Grants funds to environmental organizations working with solid and hazardous waste regulation, water and air pollution control, source reduction, recycling, and related science and policy areas, such as risk assessment.