

CLARK COUNTY STAFF REPORT

DEPARTMENT: Public Health

CCPH SR2018-658

DATE: 7/10/2018

REQUESTED ACTION:

Clark County Councilors delegate authority to County Manager to execute interlocal agreements and any resulting amendments between Clark County Public Health and Evergreen, Hockinson, Battle Ground, Vancouver, Camas and Washougal School Districts as they relate to the milk dispenser project. These agreements will have no remuneration.

Consent Hearing County Manager

BACKGROUND

Clark County Green Schools would like to partner with local schools to run a pilot program to serve milk out of dispensers versus cartons. Through Washington Department of Ecology's Local Solid Waste Financial Assistance funds, Clark County will purchase the milk dispensers and all related supplies for the schools participating in the pilot. We will also offer technical assistance in implementation including educational help so students understand why this change is being made. We will complete pre and post waste audits that will look at the effects on the waste stream.

We will examine:

- Carton waste: Look upstream to reduce waste and avoid excess packaging.
- Milk waste: Other local studies have found where dispensers are in use, milk waste is reduced by over half.
- Increased consumption and nutritional gain: Students report the milk tastes better which contributes to greater consumption and nutrients delivered, which could lead to improved health.

We would like to work with up to five schools to implement this program, getting data at different types of schools, including elementary and middle schools. We will look at other data points such as differing demographic populations and schools that offer recess before lunch. Our hope is for success to be seen and more schools to look at this as a solution to milk and carton waste, in addition to the nutritional gain.

This has been done most recently in Canby School District with Clackamas County assistance. Also it has been successful in Olympia School District and was implemented in 2012. Clackamas County is adding additional schools in the program after the success of their initial pilot. The district found it to be so effective they are contributing some of their own funds to implement in more schools.

This project will help us work with these districts on larger scale waste reduction solutions.

The opportunity was offered to all eight school districts.

We are seeking an interlocal agreement as we will be partnering with different school districts. The interlocal offers clarity as to what we are providing and outlines guidance if the district decides to discontinue participation in the program. The county will retain the equipment and move it to another school to utilize.

COUNCIL POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

N/A

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

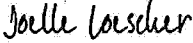
YES	NO	
X		Action falls within existing budget capacity.
		Action falls within existing budget capacity but requires a change of purpose within existing appropriation
		Additional budget capacity is necessary and will be requested at the next supplemental. If YES, please complete the budget impact statement. If YES, this action will be referred to the county council with a recommendation from the county manager.


BUDGET DETAILS

N/A


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