



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: February 22, 2022

Title of Item: Support for Full Funding SCORE Grants to MN Counties

<input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	Action Requested: <input type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft) <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing*
Submitted by: Andrew Carlstrom		Department: Environmental Services
Presenter (Name and Title): Andrew Carlstrom, Environmental Services Director		Estimated Time Needed:
Summary of Issue: <p>Respectfully requesting support of Resolution drafted by Clay County, MN in favor of fully funding SCORE (Select Committee on Recycling and the Environment) grants to Minnesota counties. Historically, additional solid waste tax revenue has gone to the State General Fund to balance the State Budget and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. The Clay Board of Commissioners recently passed a resolution that simply asks the legislature to re-evaluate how revenue from the solid waste tax is spent. This action is consistent with policy positions of the Association of Minnesota Counties.</p>		
Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments: Alternative is not to sign the resolution in support of accountability of solid waste tax revenue.		
Recommended Action/Motion: Request motion to approve signing resolution in support for full funding of SCORE grants to Minnesota counties.		
Financial Impact: Is there a cost associated with this request? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$ Is this budgeted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <i>Please Explain:</i>		

Legally binding agreements must have County Attorney approval prior to submission.

CERTIFIED COPY OF RESOLUTION OF COUNTY BOARD OF AITKIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA

February 22, 2022

By Commissioner:

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Aitkin County Board of Commissioners Support Affirming Clay County's Support for Fully Funding SCORE Grants to Counties

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes requires counties to manage MSW according to an established hierarchy; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota's counties have made investments in waste prevention and recycling systems; and

WHEREAS, counties with innovative ideas should be provided the requisite opportunity and flexibility to successfully implement those ideas so as to best serve their communities; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota's counties have continued to invest in waste reduction and recycling by imposing local taxes and/or fees; and

WHEREAS, the revenues the State is collecting via the solid waste management taxes have continued to grow while amounts sent to the counties have not increased proportionally; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota counties face significant market trends that will require innovative approaches to manage materials separated from solid wastes in order to adequately meet the growing and changing needs of citizens and businesses; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota has an opportunity to improve its waste reduction and recycling system through funding the counties investments in infrastructure and expanded operations; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Aitkin County supports the state funding, by increased SCORE (Select Committee on Recycling and the Environment) grants, in amounts which fully utilize the solid waste management tax revenues for solid waste reduction, management activities, and improving our environment.

FIVE MEMBERS PRESENT

All Members Voting

STATE OF MINNESOTA}
COUNTY OF AITKIN}

I, Jessica Seibert, County Administrator, Aitkin County, Minnesota do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in the Administration Office of Aitkin County in Aitkin, Minnesota as stated in the minutes of the proceedings of said Board on the 22nd day of February 2022 and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and seal this 22nd day of February, 2022

Jessica Seibert
County Administrator