The Carpet America Recovery Effort organization (CARE) is a non-profit organization that was created in 2002 by the largest carpet manufacturers in the country. In 2010, the State approved Assembly Bill 2398 (AB 2398 - the Carpet Recycling Law) which required the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to appoint CARE to prepare and submit a carpet recycling plan that would ensure carpet recycling in California by a set date.

In 2011, CARE submitted the first five year carpet recycling stewardship plan to CalRecycle which proposed implementation of a consumer fee of five cents per square yard of carpet sold in California to begin in 2013. The funds from this fee would be administered by CARE and used for all aspects of carpet recycling in the State; including grant funding for market development, recycling technology, collection programs, public education, and illegal dumping reduction.

To date, CARE has granted a total of \$75,000 for the Cycle 2M Micro grant for collection/reuse application to all local governments in California to help develop and implement new carpet collection and recycling projects.

The Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN) seeks to apply for the Cycle 2M Micro grant for its Pilot Curbside Carpet Recycling Program. The proposed Program would implement a short term pilot curbside carpet recycling program throughout the City. The duration of the Pilot Program would be for eleven days, where LASAN would provide a dedicated crew and collection truck capable of handling large items to service all residential carpet pickup requests.

City collection vehicles would deliver the collected carpets to American Reclamation, a current CARE vendor located in Glendale. American Reclamation would provide a cursory inspection of the carpets and prepare and transport them to a recycling facility. The Pilot Program would be the first citywide curbside collection effort in the nation to recycle residential carpet materials. Data obtained from the Pilot Program would help LASAN determine the amount of carpet that is currently being disposed of, and assess the costs and resources needed to implement and maintain a permanent carpet recycling program in the City.

The City of Los Angeles would greatly benefit from the award of Cycle 2M Micro grant funds to support the Pilot Curbside Carpet Recycling Program.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council authorize the Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN) to apply for and accept grant funding not to exceed \$25,000; and to conduct negotiations; execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, or amendments, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality, which may be necessary to secure grant funding from the Carpet America Recovery Effort for the Pilot Curbside Carpet Recycling Program; and to render and certify payment of invoices associated with the administration of the Program.

PRESENTED BY

Councilwoman, 6th District

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