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CITY AWARDED GRANT FUNDS FOR APARTMENT RECYCLING PROGRAM

The City of Davis Public Works Department Recycling Program has been awarded two grants totaling over \$95,000 to start an innovative new recycling program at apartments in Davis.

Both competitive grants were awarded by the California Department of Conservation. The Multi-Family Beverage Container Recycling Grant and the Beverage Container Recycling Grant will be used to continue and improve recycling education and opportunities for residents in multi-family housing in Davis through the new "iBIN Recycling Program."

The iBIN Recycling Program builds on a pilot program started in fall 2006, where 750 apartment units in Davis were given their own recycle bins. These iBINs (in-apartment recycling bin) make it easier for residents to collect and transport recycling to the recycling carts in their community's trash enclosure. Surveys showed that apartment properties that participated in the iBIN Recycling Pilot Program collected more recycling than other apartments.

The grants will allow the purchase of iBIN recycling containers that will be placed in each apartment unit throughout the city to collect recycling and provide an easy means of collection and transport of recyclables to the community recycling carts. Educational literature about recycling, waste reduction and proper disposal of hazardous waste will be distributed along with the iBINs. Posters promoting the programs slogan, "Have you been recycling? iBIN Recycling!" will also be given out to apartments to encourage their residents to recycle.



Rex, the California Department of Conservation (DOC) mascot poses with an iBIN, the recycling container that the grants will provide to all apartments in Davis

The iBIN Recycling Program is entirely covered by grant funding, so there is no cost for apartment managers to participate. “All we ask of apartment managers is that they add the iBINs to their check-out list so residents leave them behind when they move-out,” Jennifer Gilbert, Conservation Coordinator for the City of Davis and the iBIN Recycling Project Manager.

The iBIN Recycling Program will not only increase recycling rates at multi-family properties, but it may also save managers some money. “In Davis, you pay for your trash hauling, but recycling service is free,” says Gilbert. “If a business can increase their recycling rates and decrease the amount of trash they produce, they can reduce their garbage service and save money.”

The iBIN Recycling Program is set to begin sometime in 2008. In order to familiarize apartment managers and apartment management companies with the program and answer questions, The City of Davis Public Works Department Recycling Program will be hosting workshops for apartment managers on December 11 from 12:00-1:00 pm and December 13 from 6:30 to 7:30pm in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 23 Russell Blvd.

“We encourage all apartment managers to attend one of these workshops to learn about the program and how it will be implemented,” says Gilbert. “The iBIN Recycling Program is very simple, but these workshops allow us to listen to the apartment managers concerns and help work out details.”

“Even if managers are not able to attend the workshop, we need to hear from them,” says Gilbert. “In order to distribute the correct number of iBINs to them, we need to know how many apartment units they have.” Apartment managers are encouraged to email Gilbert at pwwweb@cityofdavis.org or contact her at the Public Works Department (757-5686).

Although the iBIN Recycling Program is mostly intended for apartment properties, other multi-family properties such as condominiums are welcome to attend the workshops and sign up for the program.

Photo caption: Recycle Rex, the California Department of Conservation (DOC) mascot poses with an iBIN, the recycling container that the grants will provide to all apartments in Davis.