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**Joint Finance Committee Takes up
Recycling Grants Tomorrow**

The funding level of the state's recycling grant program will be decided by the Joint Finance Committee when it meets tomorrow. The Governor recommends in his budget bill, [AB 21/SB 21](#), reducing funding for the program from \$19 million to \$15 million in the first year of the state budget and restoring it back to \$19 million in the second year.

The League opposes the \$4 million cut to the recycling program in the first year of the state budget. The proposed cut of nearly 22% falls on top of a 40% reduction in 2011. The result would be a cumulative reduction of over 50% in just 5 years' time. These cuts pose a risk to municipal and county recycling programs across the state. Even at the current funding level, the grants cover only 17.5% of responsible unit recycling program costs statewide. At \$15 million the grant program would cover only 15% of municipal and county recycling costs statewide.

Take Action Now. Contact your state legislators and tell them to make sure the Joint Finance Committee rejects the Governor's proposed \$4 million cut in the recycling grant program.

We have made it easy for you to do this. **Simply click on the following link** and follow the instructions for sending a pre-written e-mail to your legislators urging them to support full funding of the recycling grant program: <http://bit.ly/LWMJFCRecycling>

Read the joint League and Counties Association memo to the JFC on the recycling grant program [here](#).

Read the Legislative Fiscal Bureau papers on the recycling grant program [here](#).