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Snapshot for the Cleveland Heights Refuse & Recycling Task Force 09/05/19

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The **Recycling Partnership** is a national **nonprofit organization** that leverages corporate **partner** funding to transform **recycling for good** in states, cities **and** communities all across America.

The Recycling Partnership leverages seed grants, partnerships, and its extensive reach to spark commitment, investment, and standards across the system. They invest the money they raise into community programs and system solutions. Whether working with ****local governments**, ***national brands**, or ***industry leaders**, The Partnership creates tools and opportunities for assistance and guidance with operations and outreach.

(* Funding Partners are listed in Table I below)

(** Local governments noted in Table II below)

The Recycling Partnership drives measurable sustainability through:

- Grants, Technical Assistance and Tools
- Research, Measurement and Best Practices
- Partnerships and Ability to Drive Scale

Program offerings that could benefit Cleveland Heights Recycling:

- Residential Curbside Recycling Cart Grant
 - Financial & Technical Assistance to support curb-side cart program launch
 - RFP process / grants typically one-year long or more
 - Program is accepting RFP for programs slated to launch in 2020
 - Measurement & Reporting is mandatory for Cart Grant:
 - monthly / annual MSW and Recycling Tonnage data (before, during and after cart implementation)
- Community outreach and education are mandatory for Cart Grant
 - Funding is available / calculated on per household basis



Table I : National Brands, Industry Leaders

- Ohio EPA
- Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District (CCSWD)
- Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO)
- 2019 grant programs announced include Cities of Akron, Centerville, Cincinnati, Columbus, Fairfield and Lorain

Table II : Local Governments /Agencies

I have been a citizen “member” of the Recycling Partnership for three years. I am not an employee or official representative. I am an endorser of the program as I believe there is a profound benefit to recycling program success thru recycling education.

During a recent conference call the organization confirmed that RFP is open for Curbside Cart Recycling programs with a 2020 implementation. I informed them of the Task Force and that I am not a member of same.

As a sustainability advocate and concerned citizen, I shared public information with them that included Cleveland Heights: Population, Single Family Residences, Multi-Unit /Apartment Building (estimate), Timing of Task Force Review, Current Collection Process, MRF and Cleveland Heights engagement with the CCSWD.

Recycling Partnership representatives confirmed their previous work with CCSWD (which I confirmed with Diane Bickett, Executive Director CCSWD). They were interested to learn if current MRF would have capacity should a cart program be implement and re-stated the need for data/MSW and Recycling poundage required for the cart program. Rob Taylor, Director of Grants and Community Development shared that he has had discussions with Collette Clinkscale, Assistant Public Works Director for Cleveland Heights.

I am happy to serve as a liaison to the Recycling Partnership, CCSWD and assist the City and the Task Force in any way that can add value to the process.