



# TOWN OF GRANBY

## MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 22, 2025

**TO:** The Granby Board of Finance

**FROM:** Kimi Cheng, Director of Finance

**REGARDING:** Consideration and Approval of Additional Appropriation from the Solid Waste Sanitation Fund for Trash Barrels, Bear Resistant Trash Barrels, Bear Barrel Parts, and Recycling Flyer

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### Background

The following outlines four requested additional appropriations from the Solid Waste Fund:

Trash barrels: The Town of Granby's current trash program was instituted in July 2009. As part of the program, a 65-gallon trash barrel is provided to each one and two-family residence. These trash barrels are owned by the Town of Granby. Since the program began, the Town has purchased 4658 barrels. Currently, our inventory of new barrels is under 10.

New barrels are needed due to numerous factors, such as: damaged barrels, new homes, residents renting second barrels, etc. If a resident asks for an additional trash barrel, we will receive \$240 a year as rental fee to support the hauling and tipping fee. We are requesting an appropriation of \$12,525 to purchase 200 trash barrels. The cost breakdown is as follows:

200 barrels at \$52.50	10,500
Freight	<u>2,025</u>
Total	12,525

Bear Resistant Trash barrels: Due to the increasing bear population in Granby, residents have issues keeping bears out of their trash barrels. This results in many issues including: litter being strewn along town roads; the Paine's/USA Waste driver having to exit his truck to clean up the trash and straighten the barrel; and bears returning on a regular basis as they become accustomed to a food source.

To date, we have purchased 179 bear barrels. Residents requesting a bear barrel pay a one-time fee of \$230 to cover the cost above what the Town would pay for a standard trash barrel.

We are requesting an appropriation of \$25,964 to purchase 75 bear resistant barrels. The cost breakdown is as follows:

75 barrels at \$300 per barrel	22,500
Freight	<u>3,464</u>
Total	25,964

Bear Barrel parts: The critical feature of the bear barrel is the locking mechanism. Due to wear and tear, these parts can malfunction. Having a supply of the parts at the DPW will allow a timely repair of the barrel.

The cost is as follows:

74 Locks and hasps-14.00 each	1,040
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Recycling Flyer: Recycling has been an integral part of our trash program for many years resulting in lower costs of waste disposal for the town. A major concern with the recycling program is the level of contamination in the recycling stream.

To help educate the residents and hopefully alleviate the amount of contamination, we would like to prepare a flyer reiterating the recycling guidelines. The flyer will be mailed to all residents. The cost is as follows:

Printing of flyer	2,500
Mailing charges	<u>1,500</u>
Total	4,000

### **Next Steps**

The Solid Waste Sanitation Fund has sufficient funds to cover these additional appropriations, with a balance of \$446,470 as of June 30, 2024.

At its April 21, 2025 meeting, the Board of Selectmen commented favorably upon this request. Pursuant to section 10-6(e) of the Granby Town Charter, I am forwarding the request to you for comment.

### **PROPOSED MOTION:**

I move that the Board of Finance approves an additional appropriation of \$43,529 from the Solid Waste Sanitation Fund Balance to fund the purchase of 200 trash barrel, 75 bear resistant barrels, bear barrel parts, and recycling flyer.

Enclosure: Appropriation #2025-007

**TOWN OF GRANBY**

The following information is required prior to the approval of any Board of Finance Appropriation or Transfer:

Agency Requesting Action:    Board of Selectmen      X    
    Board of Education          

Date of Requesting Agency's Action: April 21, 2025

Type of Action Requested (Check One):    Additional Appropriation      X    
    Transfer of Funds                                        
    Budget Amendment                                      

Date of Request: April 28, 2025

Fiscal Year: 2024-25

Amount of Request: \$43,529

Purpose of Request (Explain briefly or attach narrative):

To purchase 200 trash barrels, 75 bear resistant barrels, bear barrel parts and recycling flyer.

<u>Appropriation From:</u>	<u>Appropriation To:</u>
225 Solid Waste Sanitation Fund Balance \$43,529	225.30.30.3005.52650 Misc. Fund Activity \$5,040 225.30.30.3005.52711 Trash/Recycling Barrels \$38,489

Certification: This is to certify that there is available an unappropriated and unencumbered fund balance to meet the above appropriation request(s). For the General Fund, the total appropriations for the Fiscal Year do not exceed 1-1/2% of the current levy [Charter Sec. 10-6 (e)].

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 Town Manager/Date

Date of Board of Selectmen Comment Action: April 21, 2025      Approved: YES   X   NO       

Date of Board of Finance Resolution Action: April 28, 2025      Approved: YES        NO       

cc: Director of Finance & Town Treasurer