

Recreational Vehicle (RV) Research Project - Internship Scope of Work

Program Goal

The City would like to better understand how other communities are addressing the costs and impacts of abandoned or towed RVs are being addressed across North America, and how the costs of RV towing and abatement might be mitigated or otherwise leveraged through strategies other than landfilling via a research internship opportunity to create an internal report. We are focusing on RV rehab and diversion to reduce unnecessary cost and waste of landfilling viable RVs to illustrate how this work relates to City of Eugene Core Competencies ("Now & Later", "Trust & Confidence", "Creative Work Environment", "Wellbeing").

RV Research Description

Waste Prevention Intern performs research to study costs and impacts to landfill RVs, both locally and nationally. Deliverable is a written report which includes but is not limited to executive summary, supporting infographics (life cycle flow charts, pie charts, bar charts, etc.), methods of data collection, and possible recommendations for additional areas of further study. Project to estimated to begin June 2024 with final reporting completed on or before December 1, 2024. Dates are flexible.

WP offers a paid internship. Depending upon the position and needs of the individual assignment, interns may have the opportunity to work within the Waste Prevention office at 99 W. 10th Avenue in downtown Eugene or away from the office with regular check-ins.

Component #1

- Work with City staff to understand impacts of current costs to landfill RVs towed/collected during enforcement of City ordinances via informational interviews
- Work with Waste Prevention management analyst to aggregate totals of RVs collected, towing costs, contracts

Component #2

- Explore meaningful ideas and relationships related to existing RV rehab programs around the country to encourage collaboration and foster innovation
- Provide updates of research progress/findings at monthly Waste Prevention team meetings
- Midterm check-in with Waste Prevention Program Manager and Waste Prevention Analysts to review progress, answer any questions about work plan deliverable (research report)

Component #3

- Written research report detailing discussion of current RV landfill diversion / rehab efforts based on ride alongs with City staff, informational interviews and surveys conducted of other jurisdictions.
- Report to include supporting photos and images, infographics
- Report to include a conclusion with supporting findings, recommendations for suggested further areas of study as applicable, acknowledgements/references