

## **UCSD awarded Department of Conservation grant for recycling efforts**

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Expanded recycling programs at the University of California, San Diego, have been awarded \$99,990 in grant money from the State of California's Department of Conservation, according to Krista Henkels, waste prevention and recycling coordinator at UCSD.

The grant support will be used to purchase external glass and aluminum recycling containers (made with recycled materials) for the UCSD campus and medical centers; 47 recycling containers for the interiors of the medical centers (UCSD Medical Center Hillcrest and Thornton Hospital); and recycled plastic study/picnic tables for the campus and medical centers. The grant also includes the development and implementation of a recycling education program at the campus and medical center.

The exterior recycling program will consist of recycling clusters placed in high-traffic areas and on outdoor patios. Interior bins will be placed in lounges and in utility areas to provide both hospital staff and the public with recycling opportunities. Recycled handicapped-accessible picnic tables will be purchased for patio areas of the medical centers.

The education program at the medical centers will be carried out in conjunction with the pediatric long-term care unit. Children will be invited to design posters expressing their ideas on how to recycle at the Medical Center. The posters will then be posted at the recycling sites to aid in identifying and promoting use. Children will receive a framed version of their own posters as a reward for contributing to the program.

The grant also will provide funding for the purchase of a vehicle which will be used to pick up material from the UCSD recycling sites.

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