Recycling Grant Application



Grant Name:	Grant Number:
APPLICANT: CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE RECYCLING AND TRASH COLLECTION	CONTACT: BRIAN PUGH
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PROJECT TYPE (CATEGORY)	GRANT FUNDS REQUESTED	MATCHING FUNDS COMMITTED	TOTAL PROJECT
COMPOSTING	9,000	0	9,000

Select only one category

- Administrative
- Recycling Equipment
- Composting
- Planning

- Recycling Programs
- Education
- Transfer Station with Recycling
- Material Recovery Facility
- Waste Reduction Activities
- Electronics Recycling

 Other than Recycling Grant funds, how are expenses for the continuation of this project to be funded (including maintenance, repairs, labor and operating expenses)?

The Recycling and Trash Collection operating budget with supplement funding for this pilot.

Who will manage the finances of this grant and how may s/he be contacted? (Who is responsible for maintaining records of income and expenses related to this grant?)

Brian Pugh will be responsible for maintaining records of income and expenses related to this
grant. Brian Pugh can be contacted at bpugh@fayetteville-ar.gov 479-601-2050

Please provide as detailed information as possible about your proposed recycling grant project. The more information and detail you are able to provide the better understanding the reviewers will have of your project. For questions regarding eligible applicants and/or grant projects please refer to the Boston Mountain Solid Waste District: Recycling Grant Program Guidelines 2018.

All items must be completed and returned to the Boston Mountain Solid Waste District (District) by the close of business July 13, 2023. Electronic or paper copies are acceptable.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

Representative	attend	pre-application meeting	
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- ☐ Complete Project Summary and Budget Narrative
- ☐ Completed grant application signed by authorizer representative
- ☐ Submitted to Boston Mountain Solid Waste District by July 13th

PROJECT DESCRIPTION & BUDGET

- Limit to a two-page narrative.
- Include any dimensions for facilities, equipment brochures, drawings, pictures, etc.
- For construction projects (including building modifications, parking lots and fencing), please tell us who
 owns the property.

Applicants should provide an overview of the proposed project, what will be purchased, the project's purpose and scope and the specific methods and technologies that will be incorporated to implement the project. The summary should include a timeline in narrative form for the major project implementation events including securing of permits and/or licenses, construction of facilities and completion of service contracts. Include the specific material or initiative being targeted and projected tons or capacity rating forecasted. How do you keep the public informed about the recycling, waste reduction and educational opportunities provided by your program? Applicants should demonstrate the financial and operational rationale for the requested funding and provide supporting information. State how the proposed project supports the strategic and educational goals of the District and State solid waste management plans.

Include a detailed budget.

NARRATIVE

University of Arkansas graduate students conducted an evaluation of the residential food waste collection program in Fayetteville. One suggestion to improve diversion from landfill was to contract a private hauler to provide residential curbside collection. Currently, Ozark Compost and Swap, LLC (OC) is the only private hauler for picking up food waste as a residential service and they are expanding their operations. OC uses a system that makes composting food scraps more appealing to the home owner by swapping a clean food waste collection bucket with the full food waste collection container being serviced. This system increases buy-in and provides clean buckets after service. OC uses software to track food waste collection and provide fresh bucket exchange. OC will also use QR codes to track contamination and the Recycling and Trash Collection staff will be responsible for educating the residents with contamination issues. We anticipate the program will use a three-strike rule to remove participants from the program if contamination issues continue. This project would purchase 960 buckets to run a pilot curbside food waste collection. The pilot would provide the operational and logistical information needed to evaluate expansion of services for curbside collection of food waste

Timeline:

Purchase of buckets would be completed upon grant award. The pilot would occur over a 12-month period and be evaluated for expansion.

What will be purchased:

Funds from the grant will be used to purchase the food waste collection buckets used by OC. Each bucket costs \$9 each and there is a minimum order of 960. The total purchase is anticipated to cost roughly \$9,500 so we are requesting \$9,000 in funding for this project and the rest will be covered from the Recycling and Trash Collection operating budget.

Project's purpose:

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The project's purpose is to decrease the amount of food waste going to the landfill as well as facilitate long-term social change within our community to advance and normalize the concept of a circular economy in waste collections. The average food waste collected by OC in 2022 was approximately 13 pounds per pickup and with a pilot of 350 homes this would capture 236,000 pounds of food waste from going to the landfill. Using the daily food waste estimate information from the EPA, this pilot could divert a minimum of 127,400 pounds of food waste from the landfill in a year. Full participation from households with a family of four could divert 509,000 pounds of food waste from the landfill.

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MINIMUM CONDITIONS OF RECYCLING GRANTS

GRANT RECIPIENTS AGREE TO:

- Comply with the guidelines and requirements of the Boston Mountain Solid Waste District: Recycling Grant Program Guidelines
- Actively develop a recycling program, as outlined in the grant application, and expend all grant funds in the three (3) years following the date of the grant award by the District.
- Actively seek to market or reuse the materials diverted under the recycling program from deposition in landfills in the period of three (3) years following the date of the grant award by the department.
- Start prior year grant project before July 27th, the date pre-applications for the next grant round are due to the department.
- Use facilities or equipment purchased with grant funds no less than 50 percent of the time on the purposes specified in the grant application.
- Ensure all applicable federal, state and local permits and licenses have been obtained.
- Use any interest earned on grant funds exclusively for recycling programs consistent with the District's Solid Waste Management Plan.
- Maintain an orderly accounting system to document that grant expenditures are made in accordance with project budget. This includes keeping copies of all bids, paid invoices, canceled checks, and other appropriate paperwork.
- Report for five years after receipt of grant funds or until all funds are expended, whichever is longer, as directed by statute and regulation.
- Conform to all state laws on the purchase, use or sale of equipment and facilities secured with grant funds.
- Seek competitive bids or requests for proposals (RFP) for purchase of equipment or services as required by state and local procurement laws.
- Receive written approval from the Board for any modifications to the grant, including requests for time extensions.
- Receive written consent from the Board and the department before selling, trading or transferring facilities or equipment.

The following items are not eligible for funding from recycling grants:

Taxes
Reimbursement of funds
Retroactive purchases

Legal fees Licenses or permits Vehicle registration Utilities

ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

All grants are subject to audit. District personnel have the right of access to all records pertaining to grant-funded project or activity.

Grant application must include: answers to the Project Description questions and a complete Budget, as required. Incomplete grant applications will not be considered and may delay processing of grant funds.

THE BOSTON MOUNTAIN SOLID WASTE DISTRICT AGREES TO

Submit a list of all completed grant applications received by eligible applicants to the Boston Mountain Solid Waste District Grant Committee.

Publish a list of grants to be submitted to the Board with for public comment open for 30 days past publication. Copies of any comments received regarding the grant request shall be forwarded to the Board. If no comments are received, send an e-mail stating such at the end of the comment period.

Notify the Board in the event a recipient has not met conditions of the approved grant application.

Ensure that the project is compatible with the approved RSWMD plan on file with ADEQ or submit documentation demonstrating why a deviation is necessary.

Maintain copies of invoices, purchase orders, checks or other supporting documents for grant expenditures at the regional solid waste district office.

Compile annual reports as required.

SIGNATURE & CERTIFICATION

I certify that to the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this application and its attachments is correct and true. I understand and agree that if grant money is subsequently awarded as a result of this application, I will comply with all applicable statutory and regulatory provisions and with applicable terms, conditions, and procedures of the Recycling Grants program. I have read and agree to abide by the Minimum Conditions of Recycling Grants. I certify that all proposed activities will be carried out and that all grant money received will be utilized solely for the purposes for which it is intended unless written authorization is provided by the Regional Solid Waste Management District Board of Directors.

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