

Sustainable Materials Recovery Program Municipal Grant Program

**Massachusetts
Department of Environmental Protection
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SMRP Background

- Created through Green Communities Act
- DEP regulations (310 CMR 19.300)
- Six municipal waste combustors qualified to earn Renewable Energy Credits
- 50% of REC revenue goes to “DEP approved recycling programs”
- 3rd year for Municipal Grant Program

Last Year's SMRP Cycle

- Requests: 118 applications, totaling \$2.4 mill
- Awards: 109 applicants, totaling \$1.5 mill
 - Recycling Carts 6 awards, \$226,101
 - Food Waste Carts 2 awards, \$67,039
 - Pilot/Regional 14 awards, \$486,400
 - PAYT 10 awards, \$432,834
 - MREC 1 award, \$35,000
 - Drop-off 23 awards, \$198,150
 - Small Scale Initiatives 62 awards, \$66,750
- Expected Funding: \$1.5 million

Minimum Eligibility Criteria

Buy Recycled Implementation

Recycling in Practice

Solid Waste Data Reporting

- CY2010 Municipal SW and Recycling Survey
- CY2011 Municipal SW and Recycling Survey
- Must be submitted prior to application

New: Standard Contract/Authorized Signatory

Who May Apply for SMRP?

Individual Municipalities

- Municipality should submit ONE application for all items requested

Regional Government Entities

- Solid waste management districts, conservation districts, etc.
- Must be legislatively authorized

Non-Profits

- Federally recognized as 501(c)(3)
- Serving municipalities and residents

Pay-As-You-Throw Start-up Funds

Residents are charged for trash disposal based on the amount they throw away.

Most successful program for reducing solid waste

Maximum Award Amount: \$150,000

Start-up Funds for curbside or drop-off programs

- Drop-off: \$5/household
- Curbside: up to \$10/household

Mandatory Recycling Enforcement Coordinator

Effective means of increasing recycling; may be stepping stone to implementing trash limits or PAYT

Maximum award based on population, up to \$50,000

Must have mandatory recycling policy, bylaw or ordinance before coordinator is hired.

Coordinator duties include educating residents, monitoring compliance, assessing fines when appropriate and measuring program results.

Curbside Recycling Collection Carts

For single-stream or dual-stream recycling

- Maximum award: \$100,000/\$150,000
- New eligibility criteria: “Trash limits”
- Per cart reimbursement of \$10, \$13, \$15
- Municipality or Hauler to finance balance

Curbside Food Waste Collection Carts

For separate collection of food waste

- Maximum award \$100,000
- Per cart reimbursement of \$20

- Hamilton and Wenham – weekly town-wide
- Ipswich – 175 hh pilot
- Cambridge – 800 hh pilot in planning stage

Drop-off Recycling Collection Equipment

Equipment for the *diversion* of source separated target materials

Roll-offs -- \$5,500 to \$7,500

- Construction/demolition wood
- Carpet, Mattresses
- Bulky rigid plastics
- Clean gypsum wallboard

Compactors – up to \$7,500

- Cardboard
- Mixed paper and Cardboard
- Single stream recyclables

Educational Materials

New!

School Recycling Assistance

- Applications for district-wide programs only
- Start up new recycling programs or expand existing programs
 - Paper, cardboard, bottles and cans, milk cartons
 - Food waste (if full recycling in place)
- Award: up to \$30,000
- Funding for start-up costs:
 - collection containers
 - education/outreach
 - program coordination

Pilot Programs & Regional Initiatives

- Up to \$100,000 over 2 years; \$500,000 for organics projects
- Open to municipalities, regional entities and certain non-profits
- Consult MassDEP about proposal ideas prior to developing

Pilot Programs & Regional Initiatives

Sample projects funded

- Habitat for Humanity ReStore – Worcester and Cape Cod
- South Shore paint reuse pilot
- Framingham schools: food waste and reusable trays
- Cambridge food waste collection pilot
- Newburyport Zero Waste pilot

Small Scale Initiatives

To sustain existing waste reduction programs and facilitate new, low-cost initiatives

- Population based
- Must be waste reduction related expense
 - Compost bins
 - Public space recycling containers
 - Recycling education and outreach materials
 - Mercury, paint and automotive waste collection equipment
 - Purchase and testing of environmentally preferred products
- Award amounts between \$500 and \$2000

SMRP Timeline

Application Deadline: June 13, 2012

Award Recommendations by end of July

Award Announcements targeted for September

In-kind Technical Assistance application

(Help from your MAC) - expected in early July in Re-TRAC

Important Numbers

All eDEP related questions

- Stefan Malner
617-348-4004

Recycling/Solid Waste Survey

- Contact your MAC

Drop-off Equip & School Assistance

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PAYT, MREC

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Pilot/Regional Initiatives

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Recycling Carts, Small Scale Initiatives & general grant questions

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