



# Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Sustainable Materials Recovery Program Details: Mattress Recycling Incentive

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## **Overview**

The purpose of this grant is to support municipalities in their compliance with the [mattress waste disposal ban](#), which became effective November 1, 2022. Under this regulation, mattresses and box springs (herein referred to as “mattresses”), are banned from disposal in landfills or combustion facilities. Municipalities that intend to start a mattress collection and recycling program for their residents, will receive up to \$10,000 in grant funding for the purchase of a mattress collection container, such as a roll-off, sea container, trailer, or other suitable collection container. Grantees are responsible for ensuring compliance with all MassDEP regulations and permits. Prior to placing a collection container at a site-assigned facility the grantee should contact their MassDEP Regional Office.

## **Eligible Applicants:**

- Municipalities interested in hosting a regional collection site are encouraged to apply but must identify all anticipated partner municipalities in their application. If the collection site is already accessible by residents of other municipalities, applicant must select “YES” in application question two and provide the names of all municipalities with access.
- At the transfer station, municipal employees must either load mattresses into the collection container or actively direct residents in stacking their own mattresses. Municipal employees should rearrange as necessary to maximize loading efficiency and ensure that the mattresses loaded into the container are “recyclable” meaning that they are clean and dry. Under the [regulation](#), wet, moldy, infested, or otherwise contaminated mattresses may be sent for disposal and should be segregated from the clean materials to avoid cross-contamination.
- Preference will be given to municipalities that have not previously been awarded a container for mattress collection.

## **Grant Award Amount:**

- MassDEP will reimburse grantees up to \$10,000 for the purchase of a collection container that will be used to collect and store mattresses and box springs intended for recycling. Mattresses being sent for disposal should not be placed in the container.

## **Use of Grant Funds:**

- Mattresses collected at the curb may be aggregated by the municipality in the container prior to collection by the recycling vendor. However, the municipality is responsible for ensuring that only recyclable mattresses are stored in the container, in order to avoid cross-contamination.
- Actual reimbursement amount for an approved mattress container will be based on the cost of the container purchased and may be less than the award amount.
- Container must be permanently labelled with the MassDEP logo and the words “Funded by a grant from MassDEP.”
- Requests for reimbursement must be submitted to MassDEP by June 30<sup>th</sup> of the calendar year following the grant award.

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