MassDEP Recycling Market Development Workgroup Update

MassDEP C&D Subcommittee
October 1, 2024

September 17, 2024 Meeting

- Updates on the RMD Action Plan and Waste Bans
- Presentations
 - EPA Small Business Innovation Research program
 - MA Technology Collaborative Massachusetts Manufacturing Innovation Initiative
 - MassHire Department of Career Services
 - 2M Resources

Innovations Grant

- Support adoption of new technologies that:
 - Significantly expand processing capacity for example by increasing throughput
 - Provide a new end market for a material with limited outlets
 - Enable a higher value market
- Not focused on existing technologies such as balers
- Considering smaller number of larger grants than RBDG

Innovations Grant

- Priority Materials
 - Materials with limited market outlets such as glass, wood, asphalt shingles
 - Materials with additional market development opportunities such as recycling outlets for lower value textiles
 - Materials problematic in the waste stream such as lithium-ion batteries, bulky materials like furniture

Innovations Grant

- What types of activities should be eligible or ineligible?
- What are the priority materials these grants should focus on and why?
- What is an appropriate timeframe for these grants?
- Would it be best to award a smaller number of larger grants (e.g., between \$500K and \$1 million) or award a larger number of smaller grants (e.g., between \$100K and \$250K)

Please email any comments you may have by Friday, October 11, 2024.

For More Information

- Recording and presentations available on MassDEP Recycling Market
 Development Workgroup page: <u>MassDEP Recycling Market Development</u>

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