

# **Spring 24 Sustainable Materials Recovery Program (SMRP) Grants**

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MassDEP Municipal Waste Reduction Branch



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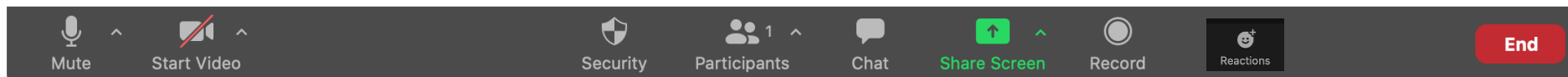
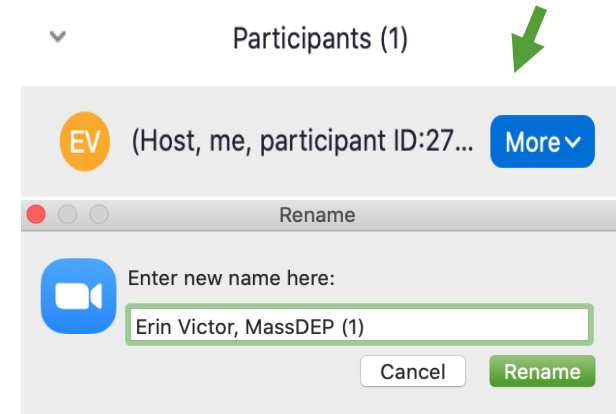
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4. Chat with other attendees & ask questions.

5. We are recording and will share with all.

6. Reactions function can be used to raise your hand.



## Zoom Tips & Tricks

# SMRP Grant Team



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# SMRP Background

- Created through the Green Communities Act
- MassDEP regulations (310 CMR 19.300)
- Six municipal waste combustors qualified to earn Waste Energy Certificates (WECs)
- 50% of WECs revenue goes to fund “MassDEP approved recycling programs” including:
  - MassDEP staff, MACs, RecycleSmartMA.org, Reduce & Reuse Microgrants, Recycling Business Development Grants, and SMRP Grants
- Municipal Grant Program – Year 15



## Sustainable Materials Recovery Program (SMRP) Grants Spring 2024

Regional  
Small-Scale  
Initiatives

Recycling  
Dividends  
Program (RDP)

Pay-as-You-  
Throw  
Programs

Technical  
Assistance  
Grants

Drop-off  
Equipment

Waste Reduction  
/ Organics  
Capacity / HHW  
Project Proposals

Food Waste  
Carts

# SMRP Over the Years

Year	Total # Grants	Other SMRP Grants	RDP & SS Funding	Total Awarded
2020	302	\$700 K	\$3.2 M	\$3.9 M
2021	266	None This Year	\$3.2 M	\$3.2 M
2022	314	\$750 K	\$3.4 M	\$4.2 M
2023	308	\$1.5 M	\$3.7 M	\$5.2 M
<b>2024</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b><i>Estimated Budget ~\$4.5 M</i></b>		

\*Spring 2022 is the first year that municipalities were eligible for RDP funding by earning just 1 point.

\*\*Spring 2023 brought back the Open Project Proposal application – Permanent HHW Facility only.

Note: \$\$\$ are approximations only; all values rounded to the nearest thousandth.



# SMRP Priorities & Considerations

- Goals and objectives of the [Solid Waste Master Plan](#).  
Reduce solid waste disposal by 30% in 2030 (approx. 2 million tons).
- Results-driven data.  
Decrease in trash tonnage, decrease in recycling contamination, increase in diversion (reuse, composting), improved participation in municipal programs.
- Environmental Justice communities.
- Municipal grant history and RDP balance.



# Minimum Eligibility Requirements

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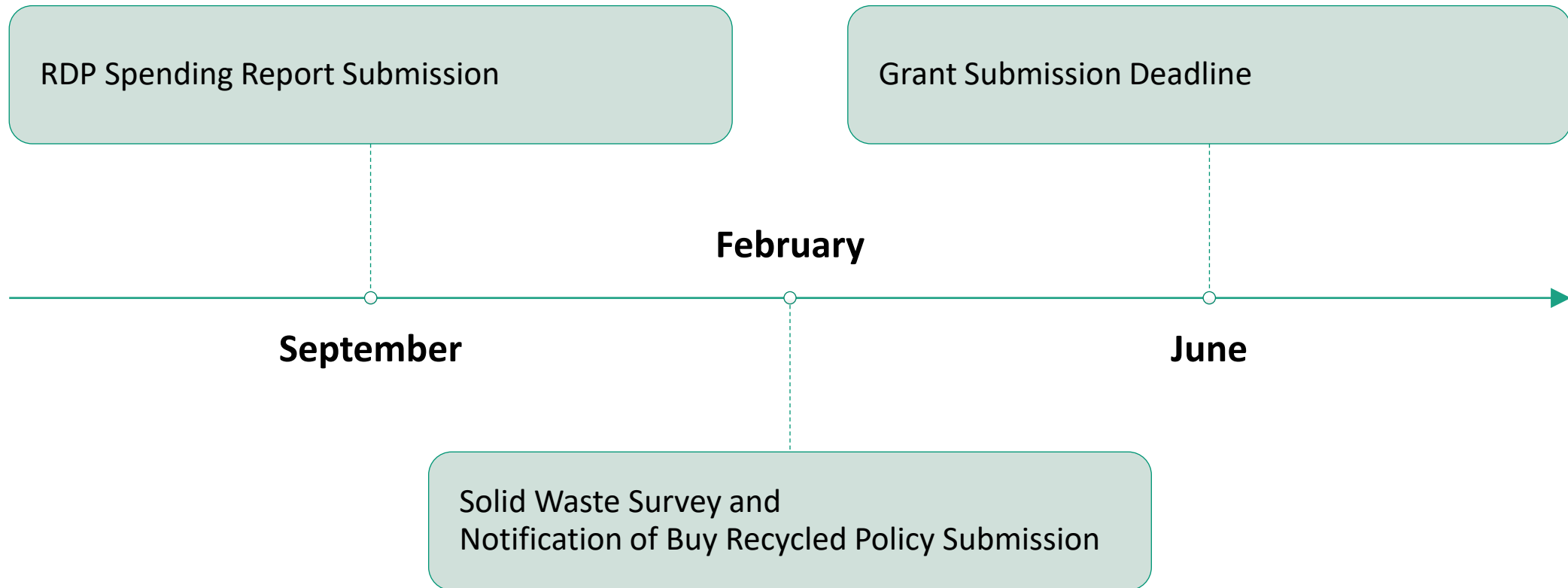
# Early Submission Requirements - February Deadline

2023 Recycling and Solid Waste Survey

2023 RDP Spending Report

FY24 Notification of Buy Recycled  
Policy

# Spending Report Submission Timeline



# Minimum Eligibility Requirements

## Certification Form Has Four Sections to Complete:

- ✓ Annual Notification of Buy Recycled Policy (NBRP)
- ✓ Municipal Recycling Data Reporting
- ✓ Waste Ban Compliance
- ✓ Other Compliance Issues

The screenshot shows a web application interface for MassDEP Municipal Recycling Programs. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: Members, Responses, Search, Status, File Uploads, Analytics, and Advanced. Below this is a header section with the MassDEP logo and the text "Program: MassDEP Municipal Recycling Programs" and "AAAWilltest". A "Responses" tab is active, showing a "Certification Of Minimum Eligibility Criteria" for "AAAWilltest - Annual | 2024". A button labeled "New Response for: AAWilltest" is visible. The main content area is titled "Sustainable Material Recovery Program-Municipal Grant Application" and contains text about the Sustainable Materials Recovery Program (SMRP) and grant agreements. A deadline notice states: "Applications must be submitted via Re-TRAC Connect by 11:59pm on June 12, 2024." Below this is an "Overview" section with the text: "As a condition for receiving grant funds, grantees must comply with the eligibility criteria requirements described below." At the bottom, there is a section titled "1. Annual Notification of Buy Recycled Policy" and a status bar showing "Status: Draft" and a "SAVE" button.

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 Program: MassDEP Municipal Recycling Programs

AAAWilltest

← Responses

### Certification Of Minimum Eligibility Criteria

AAAWilltest - Annual | 2024

> New Response for: AAWilltest

#### Sustainable Material Recovery Program-Municipal Grant Application

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's Sustainable Materials Recovery Program (SMRP) offers funding to Massachusetts cities, towns, regional government entities, and certain non-profits for re will increase diversion of municipal solid waste and household hazardous waste from disposal. Please visit the [SMRP Grant webpage](#) for more detailed information including terms and conditions and eligibility require application.

Grants awarded by MassDEP are administered through a grant agreement. Grant agreements consist of a contract, scope of work and budget. Grantees will expend funds for approved budget items and then request re agreement.

Applications must be submitted via Re-TRAC Connect by 11:59pm on June 12, 2024.

#### Overview

As a condition for receiving grant funds, grantees must comply with the eligibility criteria requirements described below.

#### 1. Annual Notification of Buy Recycled Policy

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1. Annual notification of the municipality's Buy Recycled Policy, ordinance or by-law to all staff, department heads and employees with purchasing authority. This notice

# Minimum Eligibility Requirements

## ✓ Municipal Recycling Data Reporting

Municipalities submitted the 2022 and 2023 Recycling and Solid Waste Surveys on ReTRAC

## ✓ Waste Ban Compliance

Municipal building, including schools, have active recycling programs or will implement a program within 30 days of notification of a grant award.

## ✓ Other MassDEP Compliance Issues

Municipal has no other outstanding compliance issues with this or any other MassDEP branch

# ✓ Notification of Buy Recycled Policy

- Annual **email or memo** from the **Town or City CEO** (Mayor, Selectboard, Town Manager) dated within the **Fiscal Year** Sent to **department heads** and staff.
- Contains **content on the importance of buying products** made with recycled content.
- **Actual Buy Recycled Policy** included as attachment.

[Link to Notification of Buy Recycled Policy Model Language and Webinar](#)

# Buy Recycled Policy Updates

Special Town Meeting November 1988

ART: 70 To see if the Town will vote to require all Town Departments to purchase and use recycled paper to the fullest extent possible, or do or take any other action in this matter. On request of the Recycling Committee.

VOTED: Article 70 as printed passed on Wednesday November 2, 1988, a majority vote, a quorum being present.

This is to certify that the following is a vote taken at the November 24, 1997 session of the November 18, 1997 Special Town Meeting. Said meeting was held at 7:30 P.M. in the [REDACTED] High School Auditorium, East Street, [REDACTED]. There was a quorum present and voting.

## ARTICLE 31

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to adopt a "Buy Recycled Products Procurement Policy", or take any action in relation thereto.

Authorized by the Board of Selectmen – April 7, 1997

The [REDACTED] "Buy Recycled" policy promotes a preference for the purchase of recycled products in lieu of non-recycled products, whenever they are readily available at the same quality and price. In order to meet state and federal minimum standards, paper products shall be no less than 30% post-consumer recycled materials.

### Buy Recycled Procurement – Policy # 1-2-3

Adoption Date: August 7, 1997      Revision Date(s): July 21, 2004

Purpose: To encourage purchases of recycled products instrumental in recovery of additional state funding.

Policy: To buy recycled products except when cost is greater.

# Environmentally Preferred Purchasing/ Sustainable Purchasing Policies

- **Support recycling markets** by purchasing products with recycled content.
- **Conserve natural resources** such as energy and water.
- **Minimize environmental impacts** from pollution, including greenhouse gases.
- **Prioritize reuse** by identifying alternate options to new products.
- Eliminate or **reduce toxins that create hazards to employees**, the community, and the environment.
- **Reduce waste** sent for disposal by optimizing product efficiency and effectiveness.



# EPP Requirement

- Effective Grant Year 2026.
- MassDEP will provide Guidance, including Template Language, and Model Policies.
- Will be a requirement to apply for SMRP Grants, replacing the NBRP.
- Towns or Cities that have just recently passed a Buy Recycled Policy or may find it difficult to meet this requirement are encouraged to discuss with MAC or MassDEP Boston staff.

# EPP Products and Services Guide

- Environmentally preferable products and environmentally preferable services that are found within statewide contract.
- [EPP Guide from OSD \(Operational Services Division\)](#).
- OSD will be hosting webinar on May 16<sup>th</sup> – stay tuned!

## Environmentally Preferable Products Index:

- [Alternative Snow and Ice Products](#)
- [Alternative Vehicle Technologies and Charging Stations](#)
- [Antifreeze – Remanufactured](#)
- [APS Eligible Liquid Biofuel](#)
- [Art and Instructional School Supplies, Environmentally Preferable](#)
- [Audio, Visual, and Multimedia Presentation Equipment](#)
- [Bio-based Lubricants, Equipment and Automotive](#)
- [Biodiesel](#)
- [Building Materials and Supplies](#)
- [Cell Phones](#)
- [Cleaning Products, Programs, Equipment, and Supplies, Environmentally Preferable](#)
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- [Firefighting Foam, Environmentally Preferable](#)
- [Floorcoverings and Accessories](#)
- [Foodservice Equipment, Environmentally Preferable](#)
- [Furniture, Environmentally Preferable and Remanufactured](#)
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- [Office Supplies](#)
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- [Telematics](#)
- [Tire Recycling](#)
- [Toner Cartridges, Remanufactured](#)
- [Trash Bags, Plastic, Imprinted, Recycled](#)
- [Ultra-Low Sulfur Diesel](#)
- [Vehicle Parts, Remanufactured Motorized Parts](#)
- [Vehicles, Alternative Fuel](#)
- [Water: Bottled, Emergency Bottled, Water Filtration Services, Reverse Osmosis Systems](#)
- [Water Treatment Technologies, Alternative](#)



# Food Waste Collection Carts

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# Food Waste Collection Carts Grant

- Reimbursement will be \$20 per cart
- Plus \$2 per cart for the required in-molded label
- Maximum award amount: \$110,000
- Additional \$10 per Household for Pilot Projects up to \$10,000
- Vendors available on [FAC113](#)
- [Details: Food Waste Carts](#)



Courtesy Cambridge Works Announcement

# Food Waste Carts Implementation Plan

The Municipality's Implementation Plan must include:

- Start date of the program (within 12 months of award)
- Description of the program - # of households participating, method of cart distribution, contracted hauler, and permitted composting facility where material is tipped
- Explanation of how program will be financed
- Explanation of steps remaining to implement the program



# Drop-off Equipment: Universal Waste Sheds & Reuse Swap Shops

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# Drop-off: Universal Waste Shed

- Target: universal waste (U-waste)
- Materials for collection include:
  - Fluorescent lamps
  - Certain batteries (button-cell)
  - Other mercury containing devices (thermostats, thermometers, etc.)
- Reimbursement of up to \$5,000
- State Contract [FAC110](#) for processors
- [Details: Drop-off Equipment](#)





# Drop-off: Reuse Swap Shop

- Target: reusable home goods and furnishings
- Must be a shed or other enclosed, weather-proof structure
- Reimbursement of up to \$6,000
- Materials available on [FAC113](#)
- [Details: Drop-off Equipment](#)





# Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) Program Assistance

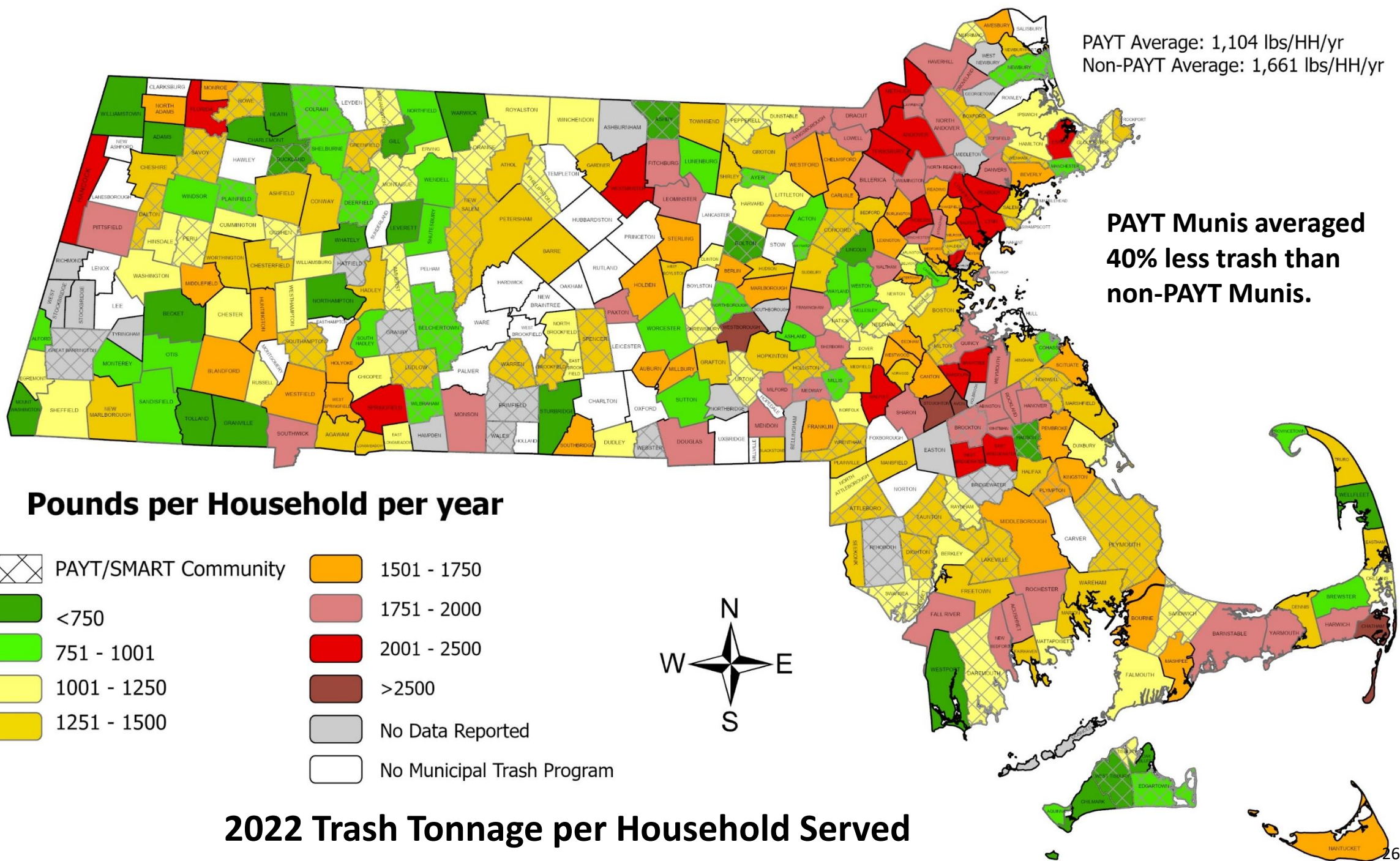
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# Why PAYT?

- Single most effective tool to lower waste while increasing Reduce, Reuse, Recycle behaviors
- Equitable – like utilities, you pay for what you use
- Environmental benefits – reduces trash sent to landfills and incinerators, which reduces emissions and produces less waste overall
- You're in good company – nearly half of Massachusetts already has PAYT
- Savings in avoided disposal costs
- Creates a way to insulate city budgets from rising hauler costs without increasing other taxes





# PAYT For Your Community

## Already have PAYT?

- Think about ways to sustain the program
- Is your trash tonnage going down, leveling or going up?
- Grants available to upgrade an existing program

## Looking to adopt PAYT?

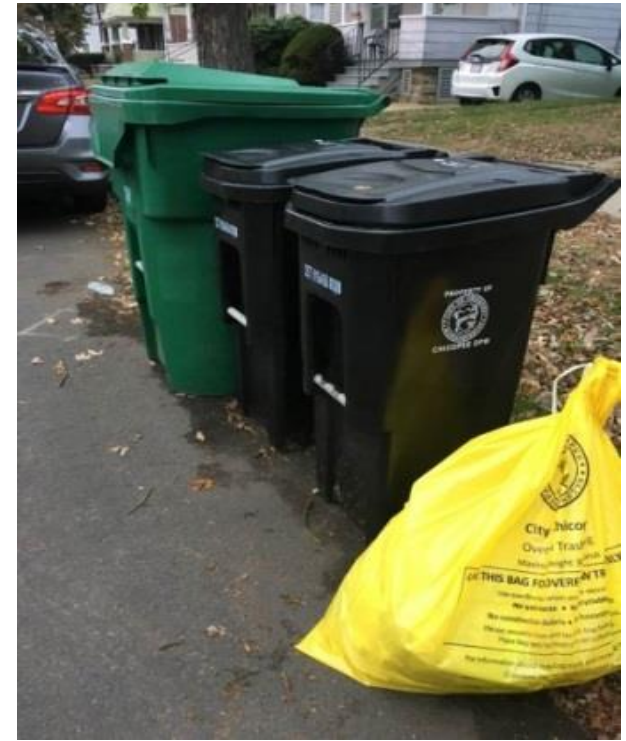
- First educate yourself on the topic, then spread the word to stakeholders and community members
- Run the numbers and forecast the impact to both budget and environment
- Always be somewhere on the path to PAYT

# PAYT Technical Assistance (TA) Grant

- 80 hours dedicated [in-kind technical assistance](#) from your MAC
- Provide background information on comparable PAYT communities
- Set up site visits at communities with PAYT programs
- Provide financial analysis of PAYT and variations under consideration
- Attend public meetings and forums
- Provide support for public outreach materials such as FAQ documents and PPT presentations
- Help develop of Draft Implementation Plan

# PAYT Grant Program

- Available for both new PAYT programs and program upgrades.
- Funding is dependent on type of program and # of HHs served. Maximum of \$300,000.
- Grant funds may be used to fund the cost of bags, <35-gallon trash carts, outreach/education materials, program coordinator, and other approved expenses.
- [Details: Pay-As-You-Throw \(PAYT\) Programs](#)





# PAYT Grant Program

- **New Drop-off PAYT Program** = \$10 per HH
- **New Curbside PAYT Program**
  - One bag/barrel free (e.g., hybrid program) = \$10 per HH
  - No bags/barrels free (e.g., full PAYT w/ bags) = \$20 per HH
  - One 35-gallon trash cart = \$30 per HH
  - One 64-gallon trash cart collected every other week = \$10 per HH
- **Upgrade to Existing PAYT Program**
  - Convert from 1 bag/barrel free to Full PAYT = \$5 per HH
  - Transition from a sticker program to a bag program = \$5 per HH
  - Provide automated trash carts of <35-gallon capacity = \$30 per HH

# Getting Ready to Apply

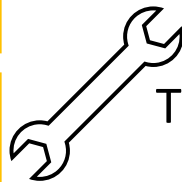
- Applicants MUST have submitted and have been approved for a [Technical Assistance Grant](#) for PAYT.
- Applicants that are full PAYT (all bags/tags/stickers) MUST have a [municipal bylaw/ordinance/regulation](#) requiring private haulers to provide integrated trash and recycling services.

# Looking to Dive Deeper?

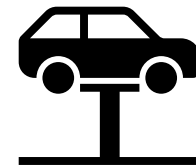
Stay tuned for upcoming PAYT specific webinars.



In depth webinar on  PAYT for new communities looking to adopt.



Tune up for your community's existing PAYT program.





# Questions?



For more quiz fun, visit: <https://recyclesmartma.org/quiz>



# Regional Small-Scale Initiatives

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# Regional Small-Scale Initiatives

Regional  
groups only

Population  
based

Same  
spending as  
RDP

[Details: Regional Small-Scale Initiatives](#)



# Regional Small-Scale Initiatives Awards

<b>Population</b>	<b>MassDEP Funds</b>
<b>Up to 15,000</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>15,001 – 25,000</b>	<b>\$1,250</b>
<b>25,001 – 50,000</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>
<b>50,001 and Above</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>



# Recycling Dividends Program (RDP)

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# RDP Refresher

- Maximize reuse, recycling, and waste reduction.
- Only one option/category per criteria allowed.
- Households served by the municipal trash program.
- Programs claimed must be implemented or in effect during FY24 from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.
- Website postings must be accurate.

[Details: Recycling Dividends Program](#)

# Recycling Dividends Program Awards

<b>Number of Households with Municipal Trash Service</b>	<b>Basic Level 1-9 pts.</b>	<b>Advanced Level ≥ 10 pts. &amp; RDP EJ Populations</b>
0 - 1,999	\$245	\$350
2,000 - 4,999	\$420	\$600
5,000 - 7,499	\$770	\$1,100
7,500 - 9,499	\$910	\$1,300
9,500 - 12,499	\$1,260	\$1,800
12,500 - 16,999	\$2,100	\$3,000
17,000 - 24,999	\$2,450	\$3,500
25,000 - 31,999	\$2,800	\$4,000
32,000 - 99,999	\$4,550	\$6,500
100,000 +	\$7,000	\$10,000

# RDP Environmental Justice Populations

**45 Percent** or more residents live in an [EJ Census Block Group](#) that meets combined criteria for either:

- 1) Minority population (b.) AND Income (“**MI**”) components OR
- 2) Minority population (a. or b.), Income, AND English isolation (“**MIE**”) components

## **Minority Population (“M”):**

- a. Minorities make up 25% or more of the population and the annual median household income of the municipality in which the neighborhood is located does not exceed 150% of the statewide annual median household income, OR
- b. Minorities make up 40% or more of the population regardless of the income of the municipality.

## **Income (“I”):**

The annual median household income is not more than 65% of the statewide annual median income.

## **English Isolation (“E”):**

25% or more of households include no person over the age of 14 who speaks English very well.

# RDP Environmental Justice Populations

Amherst	Chelsea	Greenfield	Lynn	Norwood	Saugus	Waltham
Ashland	Chicopee	Haverhill	Malden	Oak Bluffs	Somerville	Watertown
Ayer	Clinton	Holbrook	Marlborough	Pittsfield	Southbridge	Webster
Boston	Everett	Holyoke	Medford	Quincy	Springfield	West Springfield
Braintree	Fall River	Lawrence	Methuen	Randolph	Sunderland	Westborough
Brockton	Fitchburg	Leominster	Milford	Revere	Taunton	Woburn
Brookline	Framingham	Lowell	New Bedford	Salem	Tisbury	Worcester
Cambridge	Gardner					



# Recycling Dividends Program (RDP)

## Spring 2024

- Bulky Items
- CHARM
- Curbside Recycling Regulations
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) in Recycling Programs
- Household Hazardous Waste
- Organics
- Recycling Center Access
- Reuse Programs
- Solid Waste Reduction
- Textile Recovery Initiatives
- Waste Prevention Outreach and Education

# Bulky Items

- Minimum fee of at least \$5 for at least 3 of the listed items - **1 pt**
  - Upholstered furniture
  - Wood furniture
  - Toilets
  - Sinks
  - Carpet
  - ~~Mattresses~~
- The option to get 1 pt for allowing 4 free bulky items per year has been eliminated



# Center for Hard to Recycle Materials (CHARM)

- CHARM is open or accessible 12x year - **2 pts**
- CHARM is open or accessible 6x year - **1 pt**
- Must collect 8 materials out of 16 options
- Municipality **MUST** list their CHARM site(s) on RecycleSmart's [Beyond the Bin](#) directory
- CHARM locations can be spread out throughout the municipality
- Mattresses will only count as 1 item
- Household Battery collection must include Lithium-Ion batteries

# Beyond the Bin<sub>MA</sub>



The Beyond the Bin search tool is next level recycle searching. Use it to find out how and where to donate or recycle items that can't go in your home recycling bin and are too good to trash. Choose from the material categories listed or enter a keyword and your location, then choose an option for drop-off, pick-up, mail-in and hit search!

Select a material category ▼ OR Search by keyword 🔍

Drop-off, Mail-in, or Pic... ▼ Enter location 📍

10 mi radius

Add a Listing

Contact Us

Visit [Beyond the Bin](#) to add a listing, or view this [Video Tutorial & Instructional Guide](#)  
Email [mass.recycles@mass.gov](mailto:mass.recycles@mass.gov) if you have 10+ listings

# Curbside Recycling Regulations

- Active Enforcement of CHR- **3 pts**
  - Adoption of CHR - **1 pt**

## Comprehensive Hauler Regulations (CHR)

Section for All Generators and all Permitted Haulers.

- CHRs must meet these three requirements:
  - Require bundled service and pricing for *residential* generators
  - Require bundled service for *commercial* generators
  - Require Mandatory Recycling of all generators
- The option to get 2 pts for MassDEP's Model CHRs has been eliminated.

# Curbside Recycling Regulations

- Active Enforcement of CHR- **3 pts**

## **Enforced Hauler Regulations**

Section for Municipalities that provide drop-off and private hauler subscription services only.

- CHRs must meet these three requirements:
  - Municipality offers drop-off and/or private hauler subscription services only (no municipal curbside collection)
  - Require bundled service and pricing for residential generators
  - Require Mandatory recycling of all generators

# Curbside Recycling Regulations

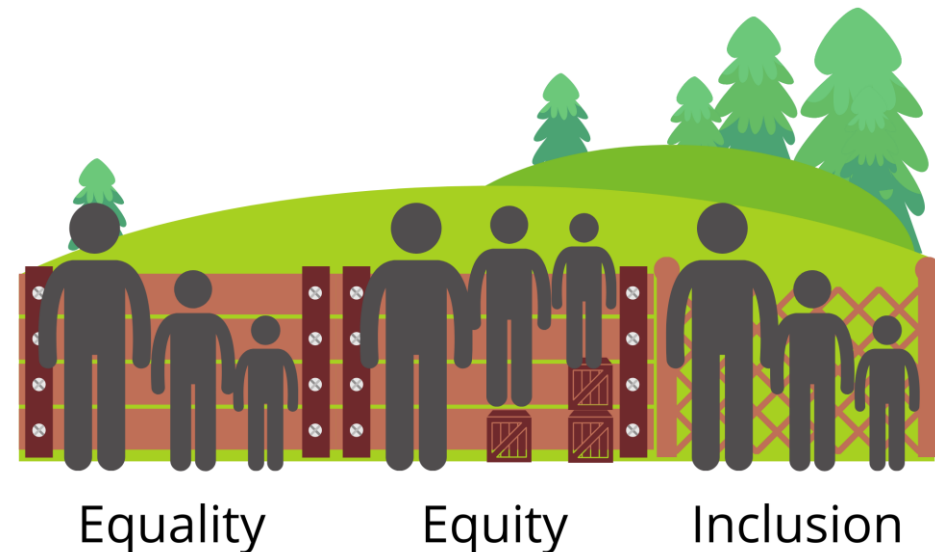
## Enforced Mandatory & Quality Recycling Requirements

Section for Municipalities that provide residential curbside collection of recyclables.

- Municipality ENFORCES Mandatory and/or Quality Recyclables
  - Dedicated staff spent a minimum 19 hours/week - **3 pts**
  - Dedicated staff spent a minimum 10 hours/week - **1 pt**
- Hauler ENFORCES Mandatory and/or Quality Recyclables via hauler contract or municipal standard operating procedures - **1 pt**

# Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) in Recycling Programs


- Must complete 2 activities out of 12 options – **1 pt**





# Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

Municipality organizes, hosts, participates, or funds a comprehensive household hazardous waste event:

- Minimum 6x/year - **2 pts**
    - Permanent HHW center
    - Regional Collection center at public facility (membership fee)
    - Regional Collection center at private facility (prepaid with contract)
    - Reciprocal Arrangement (access to events hosted by other munis)
  - Minimum 2x/year - **1 pt**
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# Source Separated Organics

## Curbside Collection

- Weekly Town-wide organics collection - **3 pts**
- Weekly from HHs participating in a municipally funded or subsidized private subscription collection program - **2 pts**
- Source separated food waste for municipalities that go out to bid with preferred vendor - **1 pt**
- Organics collected weekly in a municipally funded pilot program with 400 HH min - **1 pt**



# Source Separated Organics

## Drop-off Center Collection

- Drop-off collection of organics **AND** home compost bins at cost with effective promotion and outreach - **2 pts**

## Backyard Composting

- Home compost bins sold at cost or less with effective promotion and outreach - **1 pt**



# Recycling Center Access

- Open to local haulers to tip recyclables - **2 pts**
- Open to local businesses, with an annual reminder - **1 pt**
- Open to non-residents - **1 pt**
- Open to residents not served by the municipal program, i.e., condos, multi-family units, etc. - **1 pt**



# Reuse Programs

- Municipally run, permanent, enclosed swap shop - **2 pts**
- Adopted and enforced regulations banning TWO single use items in favor of reusables - **2 pts**
- Building permits require deconstruction, reuse, and/or source separation of C&D waste - **2 pts**
- Engaged in a pilot deconstruction project - **2 pts**





# Reuse Programs

- Repair Events, 1x/year - **1 pt** or 3x/year - **2 pts**
- Zero Waste Days, 1x/year - **1 pt** or 2x/year - **2 pts**
- Tool Library/Library of Things - **1 pt**
- Dishwashers and reusable dishware are utilized in Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade school cafeterias - **1 pt**
- Majority of the student population in the municipality or regional district attended a school that utilized dishwashers and dishware in cafeteria - **2 pts**



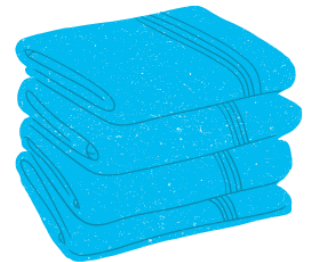
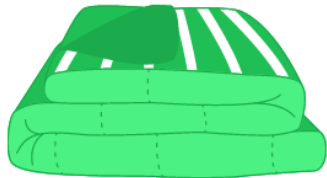
# Solid Waste Reduction

- Full PAYT - **5 pts**
- Modified/hybrid PAYT program with <35 gallons trash free with excess in PAYT bags - **4 pts**
- Every Other Week with 64-gal carts - **4 pts**
- 48-gal trash limit - **3 pts**
- Every Other Week with 96-gal carts - **3 pts**



# Textile Recovery

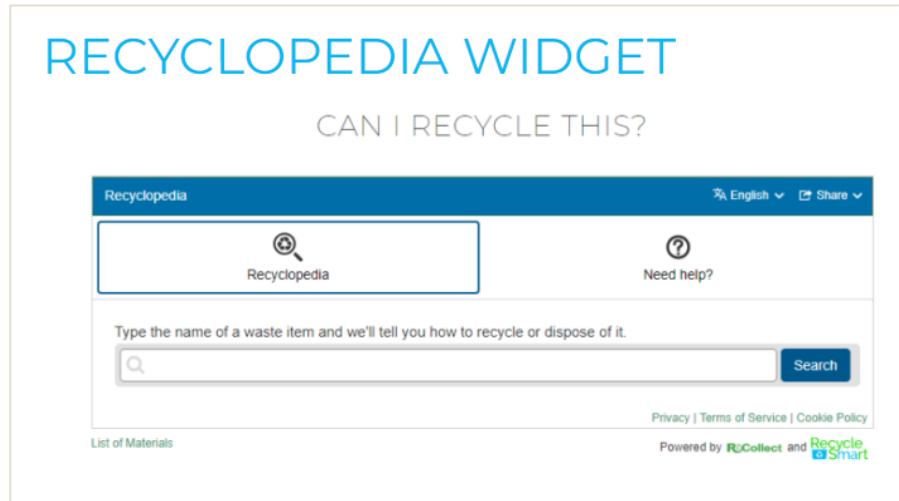
- Complete 6 activities from a list of 13 options - **1 pt**





# Waste Prevention Outreach & Education

- Complete 5 activities from a list of 22 options - **1 pt**

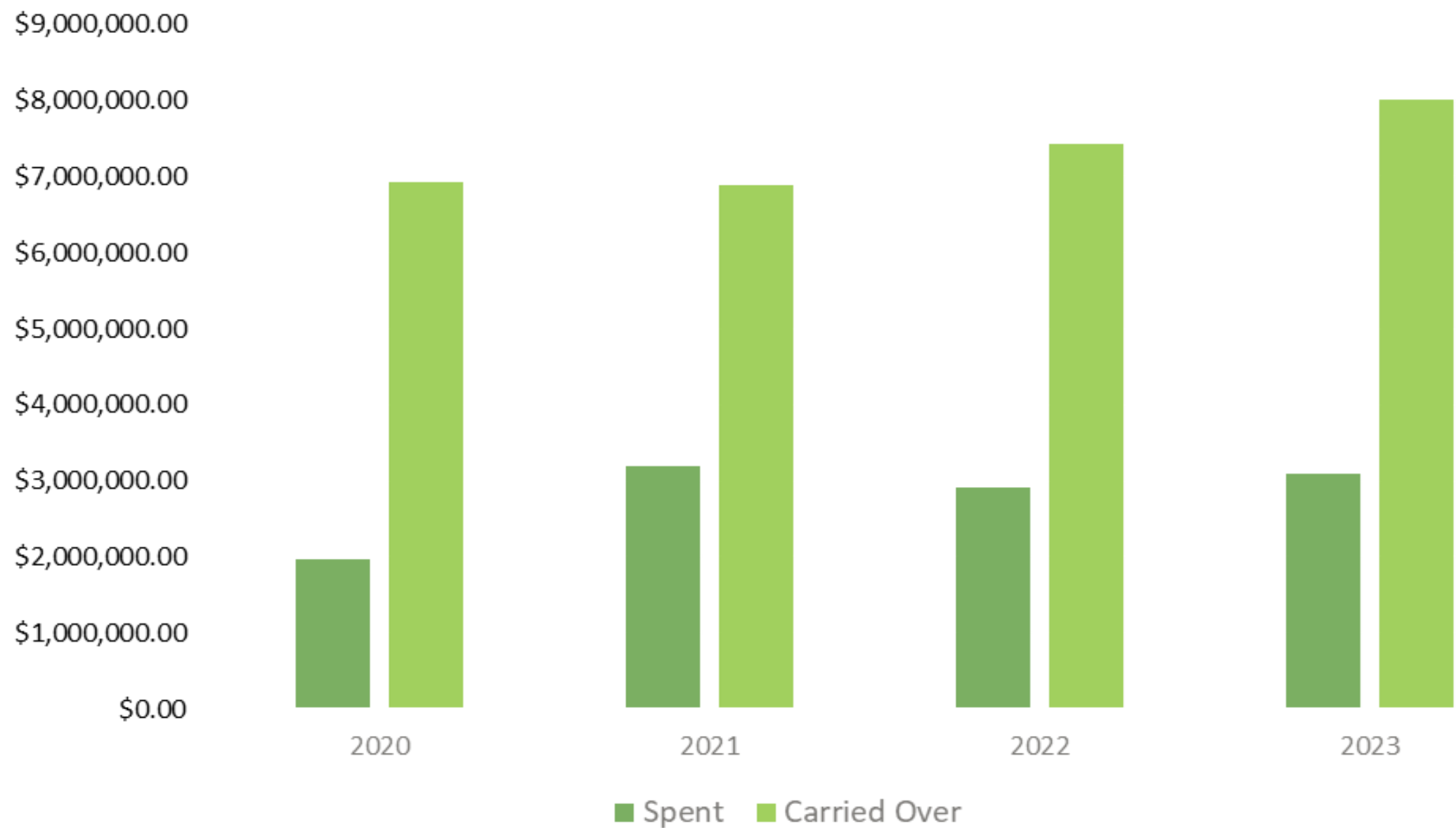


# Approved Spending Categories

- Same spending for RDP and Regional Small-Scale Initiatives
- Please see [Approved Spending Categories](#) for a list of pre-approved expenditures
- Ask your MAC for clarification
- No special spending requests will be considered



## RDP Spending Reported



# RDP Dedicated Account

- Effective Grant Year 2025.
- Intent is to make it easier for municipalities to ACCESS and SPEND this money.
- MassDEP will provide Guidance and is planning to host a Webinar on this topic with Department of Revenue.
- Towns or Cities that may find it difficult to meet this requirement are encouraged to discuss with MAC or MassDEP Boston staff.

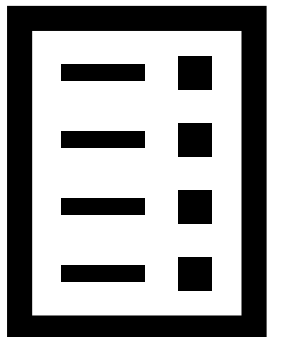


# Open Project Proposals: Waste Reduction / Organics Capacity / Household Hazardous Waste Facility Projects

Rachel Smith  
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# Waste Reduction Projects

- Expand the scope or effectiveness of reuse, recycling, composting, or household hazardous waste programs.
- Grants range from \$20,000 to \$100,000.
- Must be completed within 2 years of award.
- Funds can be used for equipment, capital costs, professional services, outreach/education, and new personnel.
- Project serves residents, businesses, public agencies, schools, etc.
- Contact Kathi Mirza: [Kathi.Mirza@mass.gov](mailto:Kathi.Mirza@mass.gov)



# Organics Capacity Projects

- New or expanded facilities to manage source separated food waste through animal feed, composting, anaerobic digestion, etc.
- Grants range from \$20,000 to \$250,000.
- Must be completed within 2 years of award.
- 85% funds must be used for capital costs (equipment, site improvements, and facility construction).
- 15% funds allowed for professional services (engineering and design) and project management (consultants or contractors).
- Contact John Fischer: [John.Fischer@mass.gov](mailto:John.Fischer@mass.gov)

# Permanent HHW Facility

- Establish a permanent collection facility that allows municipalities to collect household hazardous wastes at regular intervals.
- Grants range from \$50,000 (individual) to \$250,000 (regional).
- Must be completed within 2 years of award.
- 85% funds must be used for capital costs (equipment, site improvements, and facility construction).
- 15% funds allowed for non-capital expenses (engineering, design, etc.).
- Contact Gail Sowerder Garron: [Gail.Garron@mass.gov](mailto:Gail.Garron@mass.gov)



# Application Process

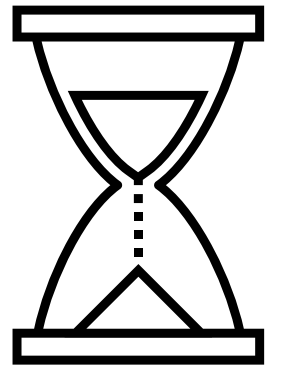
- Eligible Applicants include:
  - Individual municipalities
  - A municipality acting as a lead for a multi-town regional initiative
  - A regional governmental entity established by legislative authorization
- Discuss project proposals with MassDEP staff prior to submission.
- Complete the [Mandatory Proposal Outline](#) on MassDEP's webpage.
- Upload document to ReTRAC.
- Complete all other SMRP grant pre-requisites.
- [Details: Waste Reduction / Organics Capacity / HHW Facility](#)



# Questions?

# Grant Timeline Summary

- Online grant applications are open NOW – apply via [ReTRAC](#).
- All grant applications are due by **Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 11:59 PM.**
- MassDEP staff will conduct evaluations over the summer and make award recommendations.
- Awards are expected in the Fall of 2024.
- All materials will be posted on the [SMRP Grant Webpage](#)



# Contact Info. Summary

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Recycling Dividends Program | Regional Small-Scale Initiatives | Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Facility: Gail Sowerder Garron, [Gail.Garron@mass.gov](mailto:Gail.Garron@mass.gov)

Waste Reduction Projects: Kathi Mirza, [Kathi.Mirza@mass.gov](mailto:Kathi.Mirza@mass.gov)

Organics Capacity Projects: John Fischer, [John.Fischer@mass.gov](mailto:John.Fischer@mass.gov)

MACs: [www.mass.gov/guides/massdep-municipal-assistance-coordinators](http://www.mass.gov/guides/massdep-municipal-assistance-coordinators)

# Reduce, Reuse, Repair Micro-Grant

- Provides grants up to \$10,000 to for-profit, non-profit organizations, regional authorities, municipalities, and schools/colleges for short term waste reduction projects.
- Two rounds each year: May and November.
  - Grant applications are open now through May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Composting and recycling projects are NOT eligible.

[Guidelines: MassDEP Reduce, Reuse, Repair Microgrant](#)

