

# Approved Spending Categories for

## Recycling Dividends Program and Regional Small Scale Initiatives Funds

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<p><b>Beyond the Bin</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transportation, processing, and/or management costs for hard to recycle materials including items listed in RDP’s CHARM criterion, plus carpet, mattresses, and Styrofoam.</li> <li>• Equipment for collection/storage/recycling of above referenced materials.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Closing the Loop</b></p>	<p>Purchase of post-consumer Recycled Content Products from state <a href="#">contracts</a>.  <b>GRANTEE MUST CONFIRM RECYCLED CONTENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="#">FAC104</a> Landscaping Products, Parks and Recreation Equipment and Related Products</li> <li>○ <a href="#">OFF45</a> Art and Instructional School Supplies</li> <li>○ <a href="#">OFF47</a> Office Supplies, Recycled Paper and Envelopes</li> <li>○ <a href="#">OFF38</a> Office, School and Library Furniture</li> <li>○ <a href="#">OFF48</a> Print, Copy &amp; Mail Services, and Printed Promotional Products</li> <li>○ <a href="#">VEH114</a> OEM &amp; NON-OEM Motorized Vehicle Parts, Refined Motor Oil, Lubricants</li> </ul>
<p><b>Equipment</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recycling carts and bins, organics carts - <a href="#">FAC113</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">35-gallon (or smaller) carts</a> for residential trash collection, provided overflow trash has a per unit associated cost to residents</li> <li>• Alternative containers for in-home recycling collection at multi-family buildings</li> <li>• Rain barrels</li> <li>• Equipment used for crushing glass containers into processed glass aggregate in conformance with MassDEP’s Beneficial Use Determination for glass</li> <li>• Cement pads, ramps, other infrastructure and related site work for recycling equipment</li> <li>• Electric truck for curbside collection of recyclables and/or organics</li> <li>• Purchase or rental of roll-off containers, compactors, and balers for recycling at municipal locations; refurbished equipment purchases also allowed</li> <li>• Repair of used and existing recycling and composting equipment</li> </ul>
<p><b>Model Programming</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dedicated Enforcement Coordinator salary - up to 5 years</li> <li>• New Recycling Coordinator position or Zero Waste Coordinator salary - up to 2 years</li> <li>• Tablet for monitoring and enforcement of mandatory recycling and contamination reduction</li> <li>• Project-based temporary staffing for specific waste reduction projects</li> <li>• PAYT program costs including bags, education materials, recycling stickers and additional staff</li> <li>• Consultants for local or regional initiatives that will increase diversion through recycling, composting, reuse, repair and toxic/hazardous collection. Examples include recycling collection and processing bid development; Pay-As-You-Throw analysis; organics diversion program planning; recycling composition and contamination audits; and waste characterization studies. See State Statewide Contract for Professional and Environmental Consulting Services <a href="#">PRF77</a>. With the exception of <u>combined</u> solid waste and recycling procurement assistance, funds may <u>not</u> be used for solid waste transfer or disposal facilities and/or programs.</li> </ul>

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<p align="center"><b>Organics Diversion</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Backyard Compost bins</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Kitchen scrap buckets</a></li> <li>• Compostable bag liners/biobags - must meet PFAS-free certification</li> <li>• Commercial composting equipment including screener, windrow turner for use at municipal site</li> <li>• <a href="#">Organics carts</a> for curbside collection and/or drop-off programs</li> <li>• Organics collection, transportation, and processing costs - up to 5 years</li> <li>• Organics program development costs for new programs</li> <li>• Costs associated with establishing a new composting site and/or expanding an existing composting site to add food waste into the composting stream</li> </ul>
<p align="center"><b>Other/ Miscellaneous</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recycling processing costs over \$50 per ton</li> <li>• Shredding services for confidential paper</li> <li>• License plate scanner at transfer station</li> <li>• Recycling Center site improvements that facilitate ease of access, safety, handicapped access, contamination reduction, waste reduction and/or increased recycling</li> <li>• Security cameras to address illegal dumping on public lands. MassDEP Strike Force guidance must be followed, and the Municipality's Chief of Police must be involved to coordinate enforcement.</li> </ul>
<p align="center"><b>Outreach &amp; Education</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waste reduction and/or outreach and education materials, signs, billboards, mailings and applicable postage costs</li> <li>• Implementation of the Recycling IQ Kit</li> <li>• Creation of Waste Reduction/Recycling/Composting/Reuse Public Service Announcements</li> <li>• Recycling webpage design and maintenance (external contractor)</li> <li>• Conferences, subscriptions, and municipal/regional memberships - up to \$3,000/year</li> <li>• Training and professional development for recycling staff - up to \$1,000/year</li> <li>• Recycling market index publications and trade journals</li> <li>• Educational speaker fees (waste reduction topics) for municipal and school events</li> <li>• Waste and recycling collection mobile apps</li> <li>• Newspaper ads promoting recycling and waste reduction</li> <li>• Translation services for outreach material, website, signage and other recycling and waste reduction initiatives</li> </ul>
<p align="center"><b>Public Spaces</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public space/outdoor event <a href="#">recycling and composting containers</a> and signage</li> <li>• Transportation and processing of recyclables and organics collected at public spaces and/or events</li> </ul>

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<p align="center"><b>Reuse</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purchase, construction and/or maintenance of a municipal swap shop or structure for a permanent repair operation</li> <li>• Up to \$5,000 annually on municipally owned <a href="#">Library of Things/Tool Libraries</a></li> <li>• Up to \$1,000 annually for third-party owned <a href="#">Library of Things/Tool Libraries</a></li> <li>• Up to \$4,000 annually for municipally located Repair Events (excluding food/refreshments) or <a href="#">Zero Waste Days/Reuse Rodeos/Donation Events</a></li> <li>• Developing/distributing a comprehensive Reuse Guide</li> <li>• Tablet for inventory for swap shop, tool library, library of things</li> <li>• Wiping clothes made from recycled textiles</li> </ul>
<p align="center"><b>Schools</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stipend for personnel coordinating school-wide or district-wide recycling/composting/reuse programs</li> <li>• <a href="#">Recycling bins, wheeled carts, compactors for recyclables, recycling dumpsters</a>, compost bins, signage and related equipment</li> <li>• Dishwashers for public school cafeterias</li> <li>• Bulk milk dispensers with durable/washable cups</li> <li>• Durable/washable trays and cutlery for public school cafeterias</li> <li>• Collection and processing costs for recyclables and organics</li> <li>• School garden creation/maintenance with onsite composting</li> <li>• School furniture reuse and recycling contractors – <a href="#">info and resources</a></li> </ul>
<p align="center"><b>Source Reduction</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Installation of permanent water filling stations in public spaces, buildings, and schools</li> <li>• Deconstruction of municipally owned buildings (consultants, specialized contractors) for projects where materials are diverted to reuse outlets</li> <li>• Durable/washable dishware, glassware and cutlery for kitchen and/or event space at public buildings</li> </ul>
<p align="center"><b>Toxics Reduction</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HHW collection event costs: drop-off or mobile pickup events – <a href="#">FAC110</a></li> <li>• Transportation and processing costs for HHW collected from a municipal or regional permanent HHW facility</li> <li>• Construction and maintenance of publicly owned permanent HHW collection facility</li> <li>• Mercury spill kits and other Hazardous Waste cleanup spill kits</li> <li>• School chemical cleanout services/contractors– <a href="#">FAC110</a></li> <li>• Used paint collection shed for residential drop-off site</li> <li>• Sharps collection boxes for residents</li> <li>• Environmentally Preferred Products - <a href="#">FAC118</a></li> <li>• Outreach and education focused on toxics management and reduction in municipal buildings, schools, business and/or residential dwellings</li> </ul>