

Recycling Incentive Grants for Municipalities and Regions

Responses to inquiries received between May 13 and June 15, 2015

1. Is this grant for organizations like schools?

Response:

Yes, however the application must be submitted through a CT municipality or regional entity.

2. Do the grants cover street sweeping and catch basin cleaning?

Response:

No. The Recycling Incentive Grant Program does not cover street sweeping and catch basin cleaning.

3. Do the Recycling Incentive Grants cover a pilot at schools to collect leaves and compost onsite? Program would include education, marketing, and compost bins.

Response:

On-site composting programs (including yard waste, leaf, and food) would be considered under this RFP.

4. Would NERC be eligible to apply for a grant under the Recycling Incentive Grant Program to work with CT towns?

Response:

No. The Recycling Incentive Grants RFP requires a CT municipality or regional entity to be the applicant. However, a municipality or regional entity could use the grant towards contracting services with NERC or any other consulting entity.

5. Will the grants pay for a recycling compactor?

Response:

Yes. A recycling compactor is an eligible expense under this RFP.

6. Could the grant be used for a Bulb Eater that recycles the 4' fluorescent tubes?

Response:

No. The Bulb Eater is not an eligible expense under this RFP.

7. Does the grant cover the purchase of recycling bins for public areas?

Response:

Yes, the grant covers the purchase of recycling bins for public areas.

8. Does the grant cover services to collect and recycle the contents of public area bins?

Response:

No, the grant does not cover services to collect and recycle the contents.

9. In Section 1 of the RFP, can “Collection or drop-off for hard to recycle materials” be part of the transfer station or is that double counting?

Response:

Hard to recycle materials may be collected at the transfer station or other location.

10. In Section 1, what constitutes a “program” in the School recycling programs and Municipal building recycling programs? Would blue recycling bins in each department suffice?

Response:

When responding to each criteria, please provide as much detail so that the Review Team may get a full picture of your program. We will score each criteria based on less than average, average, or above average programs.

11. In Section 1 of the RFP, can promotion of backyard composting/grasscycling be done by posting notices in town hall and promoting it at town events such as a Farmer’s Market booth?

Response:

Yes. We will score each criteria based on less than average, average, or above average programs.

12. We did a Pay-As-You-Throw program back in 2010 for 6 months. It was not successful. Can we get points in Section 1 for the attempt even though it was 5 years ago?

Response:

No. The purpose of Section 1, Recycling Rewards is to provide funding to municipalities with outstanding waste reduction and recycling programs that are currently active.

13. Is Section 3 for all future proposed ideas/projects?

Response:

Yes. Section 3, Waste Reduction Initiatives is designed to provide funding for future municipal and regional projects.

14. Can an event tied to another existing grant be used (i.e., a Bright Ideas Grant used to do a light bulb exchange) if we were to recycle the old/spent bulbs appropriately?

Response:

The Recycling Incentive Grants would cover programs with supplemental funding sources, however you must provide program details in the application.

15. If our municipality wanted to purchase a Roll-off Container through Section 1, Recycling Rewards, where should we enter the amount that we are applying for?

Response:

In Section 1, there is no requirement to provide the amount that you are applying for. The Recycling Rewards is a bonus for outstanding municipal programs and the grant amount is calculated based on the number of points you earn for different criteria included in the application.

16. Would it be applicable to do a hazardous waste clean-up at schools in our region in the science and art departments?

Response:

No. Hazardous waste cleanups are not covered under the Municipal Recycling Incentive Grants RFP.