

Approved Spending Categories for Recycling Dividends Program and Regional Small Scale Initiatives Funds

Items/activities are listed in the category deemed most appropriate in cases where there is overlap. Please refer to all applicable categories when searching this list.

Beyond the Bin

- Transportation, processing, and/or management (including equipment for collection/storage/recycling) costs for hard to recycle materials including items listed in CHARM criterion

Closing The Loop

- Post-consumer Recycled Content Products from state [contracts](#). **Grantee must confirm recycled content.**
- FAC104 Landscaping, Green Roof Products, Playground Equipment, Site Amenities, Recycle content planters
- FAC88 Lawns & Grounds, Equipment, Parts and Services
- FAC100 Building Maintenance, Repair & Operations, Supplies and Tools
- OFF45 Art and Instructional School Supplies
- OFF47 Office Supplies, Recycled Paper and Envelopes
- OFF38 Office, School and Library Furniture
- OFF44 Print, Copy & Mail Services, and Printed Promotional Products
- VEH96 OEM & NON-OEM Motorized Vehicle Parts, Refined Motor Oil, Lubricants

Equipment

- Recycling carts and bins, organics carts, etc. (see [FAC113](#))
- 35-gal or smaller carts may be purchased for trash provided all overflow trash has a per unit associated cost
- Alternative containers for in-home recycling collection at multi-family buildings
- Rain barrels
- Glass crushing equipment
- Repairs of used and existing recycling and composting equipment
- Cement pads, ramps, and other infrastructure for recycling equipment
- Electric truck for curbside collection of recyclables and/or organics
- Purchase or rental of roll-off containers, compactors, and balers for recycling; refurbished equipment purchases also allowed

Model Programming

- Dedicated Enforcement Coordinator (up to 5 years)
- New Recycling Coordinator position or Zero Waste Coordinator (up to 2 years).
- Project-based temporary staffing for specific recycling projects
- 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 [PRF77](#). With the exception of combined solid waste and recycling procurement assistance, funds may not be used for solid waste transfer or disposal facilities and/or programs.
- PAYT program costs including bags, education materials, recycling stickers and additional staff

Organics Diversion

- Backyard Compost bins
- Kitchen scrap buckets
- Compostable bag liners/biobags if they meet certification to be PFAS free
- Commercial composting equipment including screener, windrow turner for use at municipal site
- Organics carts for curbside collection and/or drop-off programs
- Organics collection and processing costs - up to 5 years
- Organics program development costs for a new program

Other/ Miscellaneous

- Recycling processing costs over \$50 per ton
- Shredding services for confidential paper
- License plate scanner at transfer station
- Recycling Center site improvements that facilitate ease of access, safety, handicapped access, contamination reduction, waste reduction and/or increased recycling

Outreach & Education

- Waste reduction and/or outreach and education materials, signs, billboards, mailings (and applicable postage costs)
- Recycling webpage design and maintenance (external contractor)
- Translation services for recycling education materials in multiple languages
- Conferences, subscriptions, and municipal/regional memberships (up to \$3,000/year)
- Training and professional development for recycling staff (up to \$1,000/year)
- Recycling market index publications and trade journals
- Educational speaker fees (solid waste and recycling topics) for municipal events
- Waste and recycling collection mobile applications
- Newspaper ads promoting recycling and waste reduction

Public Spaces

- Public space/outdoor event recycling and composting containers and signage
- Permanent water filling/refilling stations at municipal buildings
- Transportation and processing of recyclables and organics collected at public spaces and/or events

Reuse

- Purchase, construction and/or maintenance of a municipal swap shop
- Up to \$5,000 annually on municipally owned Things/Tool Libraries
- Up to \$1,000 annually for third-party owned Things/Tool Libraries
- Up to \$4,000 annually for municipally located Repair Events (excluding food/refreshments) or Zero Waste Days/Reuse Rodeos/Donation Events
- Developing/distributing a comprehensive Reuse Guide
- Tablet for inventory for swap shop, tool library, library of things
- Wiping clothes made from recycled textiles

Schools

- Stipend for personnel coordinating school-wide or district-wide recycling/composting program
- Recycling bins, wheeled carts, compost bins, signage and related equipment
- Dishwashers for public school cafeterias
- Reusable trays and silverware for public school cafeterias
- Collection and processing costs for recyclables and organics
- School gardens and other “green team” initiatives
- School furniture reuse and recycling – find info and resources [here](#)

Source Reduction

- Installation of water filling stations in public buildings and schools
- Deconstruction of municipally owned buildings (consultants, specialized contractors)
- Reusable dishware, glassware and cutlery for kitchen and/or event space at public buildings

Toxics Reduction

- HHW collection event costs: drop-off or mobile pickup events; ([FAC110](#) is available as a resource)
- Construction and maintenance of publicly owned permanent HHW collection facilities
- Mercury spill kits
- School chemical cleanouts
- Used paint collection shed for residential drop-off site (shed replacement or purchase)
- Sharps collection boxes for residents
- Environmentally Preferred Products [FAC118](#).