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Notice of Funding Opportunity

Title: Recycled Fiber, Plastic, and Glass Grant Program (FY 2019-20)
Website: <https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/climate/grantsloans/fpg/fy201920>
Funding: Total: \$10,460,830. Maximum awards: \$250K-\$3M, depending on project.
Dates: Question and Answer Due Date: December 22, 2020
Application Due Date: January 14, 2021

Summary: The Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) administers a program to provide opportunities for the Recycled Fiber, Plastic, and Glass Grant Program pursuant to Public Resource Code section 42999. The purpose of this competitive grant program is to lower overall greenhouse gas emissions by expanding existing capacity or establishing new facilities in California that use California-generated postconsumer recycled fiber (old corrugated cardboard, paper board, or textiles), plastic, or glass to manufacture products.

Project Topic Areas:

Construction, renovation or expansion of facilities to increase in-state infrastructure to manufacture a finished product using California derived fiber, (paper, old corrugated cardboard, paper board, or textiles), plastic, or glass. Construction, renovation, or expansion of facilities to increase in-state infrastructure for production of a fiber, plastic or glass intermediate commodity that will be supplied to a domestic manufacturing facility for the production of a finished product. Expansion of projects that have previously received GHG reduction funds are eligible provided the project meets the grant criteria and the previously funded project is progressing in a manner satisfactory to CalRecycle.

Funding:

\$10,460,830 is available for this grant cycle, fiscal year 2019–20, subject to funding availability. Large Project Tier: \$9,460,830 allocation for large tier projects with a minimum grant award of \$250,001 and a maximum grant award of \$3,000,000 per application. Small Project Tier: \$1,000,000 allocation for small tier projects with a minimum grant award of \$125,000 and a maximum grant award of \$250,000 per application.

Project Requirements:

Projects must be located in California and result in permanent, annual, and measurable:

1. Reductions in Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions by producing an intermediate commodity and/or manufacturing a finished product with California-generated fiber, plastic, or glass compared to the existing practice of landfilling; and
2. Increases in quantity (tons) of California-generated fiber, plastic, or glass diverted from landfill disposal.

Applicant/Grantee must provide an agreement/contract with a California entity (e.g. Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)) that will supply the feedstock. If the manufacturing facility that will receive the intermediate commodity from the grant applicant also submits an application, applicants must demonstrate how each project will result in discrete increases in tons of material diverted from landfills and reductions in GHG emissions.

"Diverted" means the tons of materials that will be diverted from landfill disposal as a result of the project. For the purpose of this program, the definition of "finished product" is a good or



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package in a form which requires no further processing or forming before it is offered for sale to an end-user. “Intermediate commodity” is defined as a material that is interchangeable with equivalent post-industrial or virgin commodities (such as plastic pellets, flake, paper rolls, or glass cullet) and is sold to a manufacturer or converter to use as feedstock to produce a finished product.

Eligible Applicants:

Eligible applicants include:

Local governments (cities, counties, or cities and counties). Regional or local sanitation agencies, waste agencies, or Joint Powers Authorities. Private, for-profit entities. For purposes of this program, a “private, for-profit entity” is defined as a business intended to operate at a profit and return a profit to its owners. The business must be qualified to do business in California and be in good standing with all applicable California state agencies, including, but not limited to, the Secretary of State and the Franchise Tax Board. Any and all subsidiaries, divisions or affiliated businesses are considered part of the primary business entity for the purpose of applying for and receiving a grant award under the Recycled Fiber, Plastic, and Glass Grant Program. A business is considered an “affiliated business” if it has at least one owner with a 40 percent or greater interest in another applicant business. State agencies (including offices, departments, bureaus, and boards). The University of California, the California State University, or California Community Colleges. Nonprofit organizations (except private schools) registered with the federal government under 501(c)3, (c)4, (c)6 or (c)10 of the Internal Revenue Code. Qualifying Indian Tribes. A “Qualifying Indian Tribe” is defined as an Indian tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community, residing within the borders of California, which: Is recognized for special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of the status of its members as Indians; or Can establish that it is a government entity and which meets the criteria of the grant program.