

Recycled Fiber, Plastic and Glass Grant Program - Overview

Fiscal Year 2014/15

Purpose

To lower overall greenhouse gas emissions by expanding existing capacity or establishing new facilities in California that use postconsumer recycled fiber, plastic or glass to manufacture products. This will be a competitive grant program.

Eligible Applicants

- Local governments (cities, counties, and cities and counties) as defined in Public Resources Code section 30109
- Regional or local sanitation agencies, waste agencies, or Joint Powers Authorities
- Solid waste service providers, owners/operators of solid waste facilities (e.g., landfills and transfer stations)
- Operators of fiber, plastic or glass manufacturing facilities
- The University of California, the California State University, or other public universities or colleges
- Private, for-profit entities with demonstrable experience in building, owning and operating fiber, plastic or glass manufacturing facilities. 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. This definition includes benefit corporations, as defined in Corporations Code section 14601(a). The business must be qualified to do business in California and in good standing with all applicable California state agencies, including, but not limited to, the Secretary of State and the Franchise Tax Board.
- 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:
 1. Is recognized for special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of the status of its members as Indians; or
 2. Can establish that it is a government entity and which meets the criteria of the grant program

Project Requirements

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

- Reductions in the GHG emissions by manufacturing products with recycled-content fiber, plastic or glass; **and**
- Increases in the quantity (tons) of recycled content fiber, plastic and glass diverted from California landfills and used to manufacture products

Eligible Projects

- Construction, renovation or expansion of manufacturing facilities in California using California derived recycled-content fiber, plastic or glass

Ineligible Costs

- Costs incurred prior to the date of the Notice to Proceed letter or after the end of the Grant Term
- The purchase or retrofitting of vehicles or containers for collection of feedstock
- Salaries, permitting, and public education and outreach costs exceeding 5 percent of total amount requested
- Funding for activities or purposes already being funded through other agencies using Cap-and-Trade money
- Environmental review for project permitting, including the preparation of Environmental Impact Reports
- Purchase or lease of land or buildings

- Travel costs exceeding the state-approved rates for mileage, per diem, lodging, etc.
- Purchase of recycled content fiber, plastic or glass feedstock
- Costs deemed unreasonable or not related to the grant project by the Grant Manager

Scoring Criteria

- GHG emission reductions: metric tons of CO2 equivalent (MTCO2e) reduction per grant dollar spent
- Tons of recycled fiber, plastic or glass material used in manufacturing per grant dollar spent
- Environmentally burdened and economically vulnerable communities - Provide economic benefits to these communities (as identified in the OEHHA CalEnviroScreen)
- Shovel-readiness - Permits must either be in place or must be pending, so the project exhibits a high degree of readiness and is able to move forward quickly. Major permits may include: Air Quality Management/Control District, Wastewater Discharge, Fire, Solid Waste Facility, and Conditional Use Permits. Completion of any required CEQA review
- Air and water quality benefits
- In-kind services / matching funds – quantity of in-kind services and matching funds that have been or will be utilized to support the grant project
- Fiscal stability – e.g., information regarding financial soundness or past 3 years of P/L statements

Funding

- \$3,000,000 maximum per award

Timeline

Dates	Activity and Details
December 2013 – February 2014	Criteria Development
February 2014	Stakeholder Workshop
March 2014	Criteria RFA Presentation
May 2014	Application Release
August 2014	Application Due Date
November 2014	Grant Awards