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Subject: Christina Sunley Questions re organic waste program

Questions:

Can you please explain what you mean by food waste prevention being part of a larger infrastructure????

"Expand eligible costs to include purchase of food waste prevention software that can be shared with food waste generators"

- Would a software program that connects farmers with "unmarketable" crops that would otherwise go to landfill to food banks be eligible?
- What is a "food generator" - include farmers?

"Costs exceeding 5 percent of the total amount requested for permitting, public education/outreach, indirect costs, and salaries not related to construction or installation."

- Does this mean that you will only allow 5% of the total budget for indirect costs?
- How much is permitted for overhead/indirect costs?

"Food waste prevention projects MUST be partnered with a compost or digestion project and result in measurable food waste reduction."

But then it says:

"Food waste prevention projects are projects that prevent edible food from becoming waste normally destined for landfills and result in rescued food being distributed to people, with any food waste residuals from the project being sent to composting or digestion WHEN AVAILABLE within their service area."

--Q: so it is "must be partnered" or "partner when available"?

Q: Is a food waste prevention project that diverts food from landfills by obtaining it from farmers and then shipping it to food banks eligible for this program, if any waste that does not make it to the consumer because it spoiled during transport or storing, is sent to compost in that community, or to pig farmers, etc?

Our program diverts 140 million pounds of produce from landfill statewide annually and serves 49 counties in CA and over 40 food banks, all of which have their own relationships with composters or pig farmers, if available to them. Do we have to somehow document the relationship that each of the 40 food banks has with the compost facility in their community, if such a facility is available to them?

I don't see anything that tells what the range of \$\$ amount of grants is for the organics program? Can you point me to where this information is?

Thank you

We are already diverting 140 million pounds of food from landfill annually and shipping it to food banks who distribute to disadvantaged communities.

Does the 140 million pounds we are currently diverting "count" as NEW tons, or will only amounts above our current 140 million pounds count as "new"?