

Community Composting for Green Spaces Grant Program

Submitted Applicant Listing, Fiscal Year 2019–20

The purpose of this competitive Grant program is to further the purposes of the California Global Warming Solutions Act (AB 32) and lower overall greenhouse gas emissions by increasing the number and capacity of community groups operating small-scale composting programs in green spaces throughout the state. CalRecycle will grant funds, in the amount of \$1.35 million, to one entity who will in turn select community composting project sites throughout the state that will receive support via this program. Using its experience in working with disadvantaged and low-income communities, the Grantee will reach out to organizations throughout the state to solicit project sites for participation, with a priority for sites located in disadvantaged communities and low-income communities.

Applicant Name	Project Summary (as submitted by the applicant)
University of California, Agriculture and Natural Resources	The overarching goal of the California Community Compositing Network is to divert organic waste while promoting environmental and workforce development opportunities for low-income and disadvantaged communities in each of the CalRecycle program priority geographic areas, consisting of the Inland Empire, Greater Los Angeles area, San Diego and Imperial area, Sacramento Valley, San Joaquin Valley, and the San Francisco Bay area. Working with non-profit partners and community members, the Network will draw on both the climate change extension and outreach expertise of UC ANR academics, staff, and a statewide administrative infrastructure to develop and manage multi-site small-scale composting sites, suite of educational workshops, outreach events, and trainings designed to help communities build climate resilience. Combining these partners, resources, and expertise will lead to a robust compost educational and technical assistance program for residents throughout the state.
World Harvest Charities and Family Services	<p>This proposal would provide education along with installation of a compost bin or enclosure for 24 sites in California.</p> <p>The needs of each community composting project site will be identified by evaluating properties by region. California has four main geographical regions that differ in population, economics, and climate: The Coast, the Central Valley, the Mountains and the Desert. Ideally, 2 sites for each region per each year of the grant would be identified for training, education and installation of a composting system.</p> <p>We will classify locations responding to solicitation by level of</p>

	<p>complexity, proximity to each other and ability to mobilize participants to engage for education and training. Working with CalRecycle and the Grant Manager we will put together a list of twenty-four (24) locations throughout California from applications received from solicitations.</p> <p>The program will be actively performing installations 8 months of the year for each year the grant is active. The window for installation and education will be from March thru October. During the months of November – February we will be marketing the program, developing educational marketing pieces and tools along with lining up the locations to have installations for the following year.</p> <p>The methodology that will be used to provide services will include identifying the climate, along with water resources, space opportunities and constraints at the location. Outreach to the site participants to attend a training and build day will be coordinated with the site contact and lead.</p>
<p>People, Food, and Land Foundation, Inc.</p>	<p>The California Alliance for Community Composting (CACC), a fiscally-sponsored project of People, Food, and Land Foundation, proposes to develop 50 community composting sites across 6 regions of California (greater Los Angeles, Inland Empire, San Diego, Bay Area, Fresno & Rural Central CA, and Sacramento & Rural Northern CA). The sites will have a collective organics diversion capacity of 10,930.6 tons during the grant period and will support a large array of community benefits for disadvantaged & low-income communities, such as: compost provision, food production, beautification & urban greening, social & educational opportunities, job training & organizational support, as well as positive environmental health impacts to air, water, soil, plant & animal life. Approximately 30 part-time staff members will collaborate across our administrative and on-site tasks to share in the development and launch of a comprehensive California Community Composter Training Program and Certification Standards (supported by an expert national advisory group). We will also develop a data collection and information-sharing platform which will collectively support each community composting hub with community-based project coordination, financial support, data management & analysis, and holistic compost hub health assessments. In the spirit of intentional collaboration with CalRecycle and deep community engagement, we hope our efforts will empower communities that have shouldered disproportionate environmental justice burdens for too long, and to pave the way for a healthy and equitable future for organics recovery programs across the state.</p>