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Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery



# **Exhibit B**

## **Procedures and Requirements Organics Grant Program**

**7th Cycle (ORG7), Fiscal Years 2021–22 and 2022–23**

**Copies of these Procedures and Requirements must be shared with both the Finance Department and the staff responsible for implementing the grant activities.**

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# Introduction

The Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) administers the Organics Grant Program. These Procedures and Requirements describe project and reporting requirements, report due dates, report contents, grant payment conditions, eligible and ineligible project costs, project completion and closeout procedures, and records and audit requirements.

In a Cooperative Grant, the term “grantee” used throughout this document refers to the Lead Participant (Lead). The Lead is designated to act on behalf of all Non-Lead Participant(s). The Lead manages the grant, is responsible for the performance of the grant and all required documentation and administers the grant funds to its Non-Lead Participants on its behalf.

This document is attached to, and incorporated by reference, into the Grant Agreement.

## Milestones

**Notice to Proceed Date: Grant Term Begins** on the date that CalRecycle emails the Notice to Proceed.

**New Grantee Orientation:** After all awardees in this grant cycle have executed their Grant Agreements, CalRecycle staff will schedule an Orientation for all grantees. One or more grantee key project staff must participate. CalRecycle anticipates a New Grantee Orientation date in March 2024, depending on when all Grant Agreements are fully executed.

**March 31, 2024: Progress Report 1 Due.** Progress Report submission or Check-in Call scheduled by this due date. Progress Report to include activities from the executed Grant Agreement Coversheet date through March 15, 2024.

**June 14, 2024: Progress Report 2 Due.** Covering Activities from March 1, 2024 through May 31, 2024.

**September 16, 2024: Progress Report 3 Due.** Covering Activities from June 1, 2024 through August 31, 2024.

**December 16, 2024: Progress Report 4 Due.** Covering Activities from September 1, 2024 through November 30, 2024.

**March 14, 2025: Progress Report 5 Due.** Covering Activities from December 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025.

**June 16, 2025: Progress Report 6 Due.** Covering Activities from March 1, 2025 through May 31, 2025.

**September 15, 2025: Progress Report 7 Due.** Covering Activities from June 1, 2025 through August 31, 2025.

**December 15, 2025: Progress Report 8 Due.** Covering Activities from September 1, 2025 through November 30, 2025.

**April 1, 2026: Final Report and Final Payment Request Due.** The Grantee must complete the Performance Table by reporting diversion data from December 1, 2025 through February 28, 2026. The Final Report should cover grant activities from the Notice to Proceed (NTP) date through the Grant Term end date.

**April 1, 2026: Grant Term End**

## Grants Management System (GMS)

GMS is CalRecycle's web-based grant application and Grants Management System. Access to GMS is secure; grantees must log in using a WebPass. WebPass accounts are tied to a specific email address. If an email address changes, or if it becomes inactive, the grantee must create a new WebPass account to continue accessing GMS. Establish or manage a WebPass at [CalRecycle's WebPass page](https://secure.calrecycle.ca.gov/WebPass/) (<https://secure.calrecycle.ca.gov/WebPass/>).

### Accessing the Grant

Grantees must [log in to GMS](https://secure.calrecycle.ca.gov/Grants) (<https://secure.calrecycle.ca.gov/Grants>) using their web pass. After logging in, locate the grant in the **My Awarded/Open Grants** table and select the **Grant Management** link. The **Grant Management Module** includes the following sections:

- **Summary tab:** Shows approved budget, paid and remaining amounts. (This section is available to the grantee in read-only mode.)
- **Payment Request tab:** Grantee requests reimbursement.
- **Reports tab:** Grantee uploads required reports.
- **Documents tab:** Grantee uploads all other grant documents that are not supporting documents to a payment request or a report. This section also provides access to documents that were uploaded within other sections of GMS.
- **Sites tab:** Shows approved project sites.

Follow the instructions in GMS to work in the system. The following sections describe the reports, transactions, and supporting documents CalRecycle requires.

### Contact Updates

Access to the grant is limited to those listed in the **Contacts** tab of the **Application Module** with the "Allow Access" check box marked. A contact may be listed but not granted access by not checking the box. Please note, if a contact is granted access to a grant, they will be able to edit contacts, submit payment requests, upload reports, and view all documents. Those with access may update contact information for all contact types except Signature Authority. Email the assigned Grant Manager regarding any changes to Signature Authority information.

# Prior to Commencing Work

Prior to commencing work under this grant, the grantee's Grant Manager or primary contact and authorized grant Signature Authority should review the Terms and Conditions (Exhibit A) and the Procedures and Requirements (Exhibit B) to identify key grant administrative requirements. Evaluation of the grantee's compliance with these requirements is a major focus of grant audits.

## Reliable Contractor Declaration

Prior to authorizing a contractor or subcontractor to commence work under this grant, the grantee shall submit to the Grant Manager a declaration from the contractor or subcontractor, signed under penalty of perjury, stating that within the preceding three (3) years, none of the events listed in [section 17050 of Title 14](https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Laws/Regulations/Title14/) (<https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Laws/Regulations/Title14/>), California Code of Regulations, Natural Resources, Division 7, has occurred with respect to the contractor or subcontractor. The grantee must submit this form for each contractor and subcontractor working under the grant.

If a contractor or subcontractor is placed on the [CalRecycle Unreliable Contractor List](https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Funding/Unreliability/) (<https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Funding/Unreliability/>) after award of this grant, the grantee may be required to terminate the contract. Obtain the Reliable Contractor Declaration form (CalRecycle 168) from [Application and Grant Management Tools web page](https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Funding/GMS/) (<https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Funding/GMS/>).

The grantee must upload a scanned copy of each signed Reliable Contractor Declaration form in GMS. To upload the form:

1. Go to the **Reports** tab.
2. Click on **Reliable Contractor Declaration** under **Report Type**.
3. Click the **Add Document** button.
4. Select Reliable Contractor Declaration in the **Document Type** drop down box, enter a document title, click the **Browse** button to search and upload the document, and then **Save**.
5. Click on the **Submit Report** button.

For further instructions regarding GMS, including login directions, see the "Grants Management System" section (above).

## Facilities on Non-Owned Property

A grantee that wants to establish facilities or expand existing facilities on property not owned by the grantee must prove a legally binding, long-term commitment. The application must clearly state the ownership or leasehold interests of the parties. A copy of any agreement between the grantee and private owner must have been uploaded in the application.

If a grantee is planning to lease buildings for any part of their submitted project, the lease must meet the requirements for developing a permanent facility on privately owned property (e.g., a long-term lease evidencing a commitment to utilize the facility for the purpose set forth in the grant; a commitment to utilize the facility as described in the application for the life of the facility).

## **California Environmental Quality Act Compliance**

Grantee shall complete all California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for their project within six (6) months of the notice of award. The Notice to Proceed will not be issued to the grantee until CalRecycle has received notice of completion of all CEQA requirements from the CEQA lead agency. Failure to complete CEQA or failure to notify CalRecycle of such completion within the six-month timeframe may result in a termination of the award.

## **In-vessel Projects**

Projects that were awarded in the in-vessel project category are required to submit the following for CalRecycle's approval prior to the Notice to Proceed:

- Documentation from their Local Enforcement Agency confirming that the project is within the limits of an excluded activity and permits are not required. If the project is not exempt, then provide a permitting plan along with the communication of the Local Enforcement Agency.
- A system-specific temperature monitoring plan demonstrating that the proposed technology can achieve and maintain a temperature of 55 degrees Celsius or higher for a pathogen reduction period of 3 days.

# Grant Term

The Grant Term begins on the date of the Notice to Proceed (NTP) email, which is the formal notification from CalRecycle authorizing the grantee to begin the grant project and ends on April 1, 2026. The grantee must make all grant-eligible program expenditures and incur all grant-eligible costs within this period. Expenditures made or costs incurred prior to the NTP date or after the end date are not eligible for reimbursement.

The Final Report and final Payment Request are due on April 1, 2026. CalRecycle recommends reserving the period from March 1, 2026 to March 31, 2026 exclusively for the preparation of the Final Report and final Payment Request, though they may be completed earlier.

## Project Requirements

1. Projects must be located in California and facilitate or result in:
  - Reductions in Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions compared to existing practice of landfilling green or food materials within California; **and**
  - Increases in quantity (tons) of green materials or food materials, newly diverted from landfill disposal or Alternative Daily Cover (ADC) use, **and** composted or digested in California.
    - For purposes of this program, “newly diverted” means the tons of materials that are currently being landfilled or used as ADC that will instead be diverted as a result of this project.
2. For Co-Digestion Projects - Project must either have an existing food waste receiving station with excess capacity on-site or propose to construct new or expanded food waste receiving station infrastructure that allows for direct receipt of food waste into the anaerobic digester(s). (A project that proposes to receive food waste at the headworks or through the sewage system for co-digestion is ineligible).
3. For Anaerobic Digestion Projects and Co-Digestion Projects - Project must utilize the biogas that is generated to produce transportation fuel, renewable electricity, heat, or biomethane for pipeline injection.
4. For In-Vessel Projects - If the Grantee plans to sell or give away its compost, a sampling and analysis plan must be submitted to CalRecycle in advance of that activity to ensure that the output product meets the requirements for physical contaminants, metal concentrations, and pathogen density limits for land application of compostable materials, as specified in 14 CCR §17852(a)(24.5).

## Eligible Costs

Grantees may incur eligible costs only during the Grant Term, which starts when the grantee receives a Notice to Proceed from CalRecycle and ends on April 1, 2026. See the section titled Grant Term for additional information. All grant expenditures must be for activities, products, and costs specifically included in the approved Work Plan and approved Budget. To be eligible for reimbursement, costs must be incurred after receiving a Notice to Proceed and before the end of the Grant Term. All services must be provided, and goods received during this period in order to be eligible costs. Invoices for goods and services must be paid by the grantee prior to the inclusion of those goods or services on a payment request.

CalRecycle will provide funding for an Environmental Justice Consultant, up to \$120,000. The Environmental Justice Consultant will act as a liaison between the facility and the local community. The Environmental Justice Consultant must be from the local community and should be fluent in at least two languages that would most benefit the community. This position could assist with ongoing community engagement, identifying local needs, and developing a targeted hiring strategy.

### **Indirect Costs**

Indirect costs can be claimed by the grantee. The following guidelines must be used when claiming these costs.

- **Combined costs for permitting, public education/outreach, indirect costs, and salaries not directly related to construction or installation shall not exceed five percent of the total grant award.**
- Indirect Costs are expenditures not capable of being assigned or not readily itemized to a particular project or activity but considered necessary for the operation of the organization and the performance of the program. The costs of operating and maintaining facilities, accounting services, and administrative salaries (management not directly working on the grant project) are examples of indirect costs. All indirect costs charged to the grant must be associated with grant activities as shown in the approved Budget.
- Personnel costs associated with supervision performed by managers and supervisors are considered indirect costs. However, if a manager or supervisor performs an activity that is directly related to construction or installation of the grant project (not supervising staff working on the project), costs associated with this activity may be included as a direct charge. Such activity must be clearly supported by appropriate documentation and shall not be charged to the grant as an indirect cost.
- The grantee must maintain organized and accurate records that follow generally accepted accounting principles and leave an audit trail. The grantee must provide access to all documents related to the grant program and fiscal operation of the grant program as deemed necessary by CalRecycle.

### **Ineligible Costs**

Any costs not specifically included in the approved Budget and not directly related to the Work Plan and the approved grant project are ineligible for reimbursement. The grantee should contact the Grant Manager if clarification is needed. Ineligible costs include, but are not limited to:

- Costs incurred prior to the date that CalRecycle sends the Notice to Proceed email or after Grant Term end date.
- The purchase or retrofitting of vehicles or containers, except for those used exclusively on-site.
- Collection/delivery/purchase of organic (i.e., green materials, food materials or ADC) feedstock.
- Food dehydrators and liquefiers unless the dehydrated or liquefied material is subsequently digested or composted. These projects must result in increased tons of California-generated food materials diverted from landfills.
- Combined costs for permitting, public education/outreach, indirect costs, and salaries not directly related to construction or installation exceeding five percent of the total amount requested.
  - Not including the salary costs for an Environmental Justice Consultant, which cannot exceed grant funding over \$120,000.



- Community benefits activities outside of education and outreach and the Environmental Justice Consultant.
- Design and engineering costs exceeding five percent of total amount requested.
- Costs currently covered by another CalRecycle loan, grant, or contract, or covered by a grant or contract offered by another state agency.
- Environmental review for project permitting, including the preparation of Environmental Impact Reports or related documents.
- Purchase, rent, or lease of land or buildings.
- Purchase of buildings that are not associated with the processing of materials.
- Travel costs exceeding the state-approved rates for mileage, per diem, lodging, etc.
- Purchases of offsets or allowances.
- Costs associated with the purchase of equipment and supplies that will not be under the direct control of a grantee.
- Costs associated with food waste prevention/rescue partnerships.
- Maintenance Costs
- Costs deemed unreasonable or not related to the grant project by the Grant Manager.

## **Modifications**

The grantee must submit any proposed revision(s) to the Work Plan and/or Budget in writing to the Grant Manager. The grantee may not incur costs or make expenditures based on the revision without first receiving the Grant Manager's written approval. Proposed revisions must be clearly marked on the Work Plan and/or Budget and must be accompanied by a summary of proposed changes or modifications, including justification for the proposed changes. If approved, the Grant Manager will upload the final revised Work Plan and/or Budget to GMS and notify the grantee. The grantee may submit proposed revisions in conjunction with a Progress Report, but they cannot be submitted as part of the Progress Report. The grantee should retain the approval document(s) for audit purposes. See the "Audit Record/Access" section of the Terms and Conditions (Exhibit A).

## **Acknowledgements**

The grantee shall acknowledge both California Climate Investments (CCI) and CalRecycle's support each time a project funded, in whole or in part, by this Agreement is publicized in any medium, including news media, brochures, or other types of promotional materials. The acknowledgement of CCI and CalRecycle's support must incorporate the CCI and CalRecycle logo. Initials or abbreviations for CCI or CalRecycle shall not be used. The Grant Manager may approve deviation from this requirement on a case-by-case basis where such deviation is consistent with CalRecycle's Communication Strategy and Outreach Plan.

## **Publicity and Education**

The following publicity-related materials and items require pre-approval from the Grant Manager prior to incurring the expense. Public service announcements require acknowledgements to CalRecycle that include publicity and education and outreach such as, but not limited to, the following:

- Brochures and pamphlets
- Fliers and posters
- All television, radio, video, and social media scripts

- Other outreach

All publicity and educational materials must include the following:

- “Funded by a grant from the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) through California Climate Investments (CCI)”. Exception: The acknowledgement line is not required on small items where space constraints would not allow for this line, or if it would interfere with the message.
- CalRecycle logo – contact Grant Manager.
- CCI logo – as reflected on the [California Climate Investments website](http://www.caclimateinvestments.ca.gov/logo-graphics-request/) (<http://www.caclimateinvestments.ca.gov/logo-graphics-request/>), <mailto:info@caclimateinvestments.ca.gov> or [CCIPress@arb.ca.gov](mailto:CCIPress@arb.ca.gov).

### Sample acknowledgement language:

[Insert grantee and project name here] located in [enter city] is being funded in part by CalRecycle’s Organics Grant Program, a subset of California Climate Investments. CalRecycle funds paid for [enter grant expenses here] for the [enter project type here] facility in [enter location here]. California Climate Investments is a statewide program that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment — particularly in priority populations. The Cap-and-Trade program also creates a financial incentive for industries to invest in clean technologies and develop innovative ways to reduce pollution. For more information, visit [California Climate Investments](http://www.caclimateinvestments.ca.gov) (<http://www.caclimateinvestments.ca.gov>).

## Retention of Public Education

For audit purposes, grantees are required to retain samples of all publicity and education materials for three years **after** the close of the Grant Term, or a longer period if warranted to resolve any issues with this grant. [See Audit/Records Access Section in Terms and Conditions (Exhibit A)].

## Reporting Requirements

The Grant Agreement requires quarterly Progress Reports and a Final Report; however, the Grant Manager may require additional Progress Reports at any time during the Grant Term. Failure to submit the Final Report with appropriate documentation by the due date may result in rejection of the Payment Request and/or forfeiture by the grantee of claims for costs incurred that might otherwise have been eligible for grant funding.

The grantee must upload all reports in GMS. For further instructions regarding GMS, including login directions, see the “Grants Management System” section (above).

To upload a report:

1. Go to the **Reports** tab.
2. Click on the appropriate Report Type.
3. Click on the **Add Document** button.
4. Choose the Document Type, enter a document title, click the **Browse** button to search and upload the document, and then **Save**.
  - Select the **Back** button to upload another document and continue the process until all required documents as listed below are uploaded.
  - The maximum allowable file size for each document is 35MB.

5. Click the **Submit Report** button to complete your report submittal. The **Submit Report** button will not be enabled until all required reporting documents are uploaded.

The reports must be current, include all required sections and documents, and must be approved by the Grant Manager before any Payment Request can be processed.

Failure to comply with the specified reporting requirements may be considered a breach of the Grant Agreement and may result in the termination of the Grant Agreement, rejection of the Payment Request, and/or forfeiture by the grantee of claims for costs incurred that might otherwise have been eligible for grant funding. The grantee must report any problems or delays immediately to the Grant Manager.

### **Coordination with California Air Resources Board (CARB)**

As part of project selection, monitoring, and ongoing reporting, CalRecycle will consult with the CARB to ensure that the GHG emission reductions quantification methodologies are as consistent as possible with methodologies used in other AB 32 program areas.

### **Electronic and Original Signatures**

CalRecycle requires certified e-Signature on documents or forms that certify legally binding information.

**Note:** E-signatures must include the first and last name of the Signature Authority, be in the Adobe Digital ID format (or through another certified digital signature program) and cannot be the “Fill and Sign” function within Adobe. Any documents using the “Fill and Sign” method will be considered incomplete and may be sent back to the grantee.

If you have questions, email [grantassistance@calrecycle.ca.gov](mailto:grantassistance@calrecycle.ca.gov).

### **Progress Report**

The first Progress Report has the option of a Check-in Call instead of the standard Progress Report. This option is only available if the Grantee is not submitting a Payment Request. If the Grantee chooses a Check-in Call, the Grantee must schedule the Check-in Call with their CalRecycle Grant Manager by the due date. The Check-in Call will include discussion on project status, concerns or setbacks since application submittal, and any grant management questions.

The grantee must submit a **Progress Report** by the due dates listed in the Milestones Section of this document. These reports should cover grant activities that occurred within the specified reporting period. Each grantee will receive a Progress Report Template from their Grant Manager. Awardees must use the template to submit each Progress Report. The report should include the following:

1. **General Information**

The Grant Number, Grantee’s name, and reporting period. The following disclaimer must appear on the cover page of the report:

“The statements and conclusions of this report are those of the grantee and not necessarily those of the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle), its employees, or the State of California. The state makes no warranty, express or implied, and assumes no liability for the information

contained in the succeeding text.”

## 2. **Description**

A description of work completed, arranged according to tasks and expenditure categories as shown in the Work Plan. Responses to the following questions should be included:

- Did you accomplish all of the tasks and activities which were scheduled to be completed in this quarterly reporting period according to the Work Plan? If not, what was not accomplished, why, and how will you complete the delayed tasks and activities to make up for the lost time? Include any permitting issues and local opposition.
- A brief description of work that will be conducted during the subsequent quarterly reporting period. If necessary, discuss any adjustments to the Work Plan that you may be requesting as a result of the evaluation process.
- Document any issues or challenges that will prevent the project from meeting the goals in the Work Plan.

## 3. **Performance Data**

Provide both qualitative and quantitative data from the previous quarterly reporting period in a format approved by your CalRecycle Grant Manager. The report must include how your project contributed to increased GHG emission reductions, tons diverted from landfills, and all benefits to communities. This will include a Performance Table which CalRecycle will provide to enter quantitative data. Reported outcomes must include all of the following:

- **California tons of organic waste material newly diverted from landfills.**

Grantees must report the tons diverted that occurred in the previous quarter as a result of the project.

- Provide documentation that the project is utilizing feedstock generated in California which was previously disposed in landfills. This includes contracts, franchise agreements, or other verifiable documentation.
  - This documentation must demonstrate reduced tonnages of disposal that are a direct result of increased feedstocks for the project. Documentation may include weight receipts from certified scales, reports from haulers indicating feedstock tonnage and sources, pictures of incoming feedstock, and/or landfill receipts.
  - Discuss whether the current annualized throughput is sufficient to achieve the tons per year goals cited in the grant application. If not, discuss the specific steps which the grantee will take to increase throughput to those levels and the dates by which these steps will occur.
- The gross tons of organic materials processed for the quarter, using feedstock described above.
- The total tons of residual material (contaminants separated from the delivered feedstock) sent to the landfill or not used in the manufacturing of the finished product.
- The quantity of products produced (e.g., tons of compost, standard cubic foot of biogas, gallons of renewable natural gas fuel).
- The quantity of ancillary products produced and their fate.
  - If the project is anaerobic digestion, report on the tons and/or

gallons of solid and/or liquid digestate produced, and its use. If digestate is sent to composting, provide weight receipts indicating where and how much digestate was composted.

- If the project is composting, and mulch, biomass fuel, or ADC is also being produced, provide weight tickets or other proof indicating where and how many tons of these products were sold.

- **Community Benefits**

Grantees must report benefits to communities that occurred in the previous quarter as a result of the project and as identified in the Community Benefits section of the grant application.

- Jobs

- Identify any progress on new jobs created as a result of the grant project (especially if job creation was proposed in the grant application).
- Report grant-funded jobs and the following information about the jobs in the Performance Table, on the Jobs Tab.
  - Total number of jobs and the associated job classification/trade.
  - Number of project work hours for each job provided.
  - Job education and experience required to perform the activities undertaken by this job.
  - Average hourly wage for each job classification/trade.
  - Description of the quality of the jobs provided including employer-paid health insurance, paid leave, and retirement plan. Jobs provided to priority populations, if applicable.
  - Number of jobs provided to priority populations and the associated job classification/trade.
  - Number of project work hours for each job provided to priority populations and the associated census tract numbers.
  - Average hourly wage for priority populations for each job classification/trade.
  - Identify the formal targeted hiring strategies used to direct opportunities to priority populations.
- Job training
  - Total number of people that completed job training and the associated job training classification/trade; and
  - The type of credentials earned (e.g., certifications, licenses, degrees).
  - Job training provided to priority populations, if applicable
  - Number of people in priority populations that completed job training and the associated job training classification/trade; and
  - The type of credentials earned (e.g., certifications, licenses, degrees).

- Other Community Benefits

- If this project provides other benefits to a community, please

discuss the types of benefits provided, the specific communities served, and your method for quantifying these benefits. Describe how the project benefits have addressed the community's need.

- For projects with a **Community Benefits Agreement**, please provide a status update on activities or items that were committed to in the agreement.
- Describe how you have engaged the community within a half mile radius of the facility project and along project truck routes, if applicable. Summarize the results of your outreach.

#### 4. **Performance Table**

CalRecycle will provide a Performance Table for quantitative data related to diverted tons; GHG emission reductions; community benefits/jobs and training, including benefits to priority populations; and other grant performance data within the prior quarter. CalRecycle will develop a Performance Table for each grantee based on information submitted in the application, and work with the grantee to customize the table to meet quantitative reporting needs. The Performance Table will be finalized towards the beginning of the Grant Term and must be submitted in conjunction with each Progress Report to track quantitative data. The quantitative data includes, but is not limited to, feedstock type and quantity, GHG emissions reduced, quantity of end products, and community benefits. The quantitative data captured in the Performance Table is designed to support the qualitative claims being made in each Progress Report. The data captured in the Performance Table should be accurate and should not be estimated. (Required documents and reports are subject to change due to CARB Funding Guidelines).

#### 5. **Feedstock Certification Form (CalRecycle 778-GHG)**

The Feedstock Certification form must be submitted in conjunction with the Performance Table when reporting diversion. The documented tonnage in the Performance Table should match the documented tonnage in the Feedstock Certification form(s). It is the grantee's responsibility to ensure that the form(s) are accurate and complete for each processor, contractor, or hauler who has provided feedstock for the grant project. The form must be signed by the processor, contractor, or hauler, as well as the grantee's Signature Authority.

#### 6. **Pictures**

Provide digital images showing the progress of the grant project during the previous quarter. Photographs should be in PDF, JPG, or PNG format.

#### 7. **In-Vessel Project Specific Reporting Requirement**

In-Vessel projects awarded through the Organics 7 grant that plan to sell or give away compost are required to demonstrate that the proposed technology creates compost as provided in the 14 CCR § 17852 definitions.

If In-Vessel project-type grantees sell or give away their compost for land application off-site, the following is required to be submitted with the Progress Report:

- Results of sampling and analysis, conducted in accordance with the Grantee's approved sampling and analysis plan.

**Note:** To request reimbursement, refer to the "Grant Payment Request and Documentation" section for additional details.

CalRecycle staff may amend Performance Table and Progress Report questions and categories as needed. CalRecycle staff may schedule site visit(s) to verify any of the

information submitted in the progress report. Grantee must agree to accommodate site visit requests within 10 working days after the request is made.

## **Critical Project Review**

A Critical Project Review will be scheduled by the Grant Manager as needed. The review may be conducted via phone call or meeting. This review will cover activities **from the date of Grant Agreement execution to the date of the review**. During this review, the grantee will discuss the progress made on tasks included in the Work Plan and Budget. If the project hasn't started construction one year after award, CalRecycle may terminate the agreement.

The Grant Manager may schedule subsequent Critical Project Reviews at any time during the Grant Term. If it is determined by CalRecycle from the Critical Project Review that, at that time, the grant project is not meeting, and is unlikely to meet, certain milestones, CalRecycle shall have the right to terminate the Grant Agreement pursuant to the Terms and Conditions (Exhibit A) of the Grant Agreement. If the grant is terminated and has incurred any costs during the term, the grantee may be required by CalRecycle to return any previously reimbursed funds. Termination may result in forfeiture by the grantee of any funds retained pursuant to CalRecycle's 10 percent retention policy (see Grant Payment Information below for more information.)

## **Final Report**

The Final Report is due **April 1, 2026**. The Final Report should cover grant activities from the NTP date through the Grant Term end date. Each grantee will receive a Final Report template from their Grant Manager that must be used when submitting the Final Report. The Grantee must include diversion data from December 1, 2025, through February 28, 2026 to complete the Performance Table reporting.

## **Grant Payment Information**

- Payment to the grantee for eligible grant expenses is made on a reimbursement basis only, and only for those materials and services specified in the approved grant application.
- The grantee may request reimbursement quarterly during the Grant Term, in conjunction with (or after) submission of the Progress Report and in conjunction with the Final Report.
- The grantee must submit the required Progress Report/Final Report prior to, or concurrent with, submission of the Grant Payment Request. No reimbursement is made prior to Grant Manager approval of the report.
- The grantee must submit a completed Grant Payment Request and provide supporting documentation as described in the "Payment Request and Documentation" section.
- CalRecycle will make grant payments to only the grantee. It is the grantee's responsibility to pay all contractors and subcontractors for purchased goods and services.
- Cooperative Agreement Reimbursement: Lead Participants (Lead) for Cooperative agreements are responsible for reimbursing all Non-Lead Participants. When and if the Non-Lead Participant(s) submits an invoice to the Lead, the Lead pays the Non-Lead Participant, in full, directly. The Lead then requests reimbursement from CalRecycle. CalRecycle can only reimburse invoices received from the Lead directly, not from the Non-Lead Participant(s).

- CalRecycle will withhold and retain 10 percent of each approved Grant Payment Request amount until all conditions stipulated in the Agreement, including submission and Grant Manager approval of the Progress and Final Reports, have been satisfied.
- CalRecycle will make payments to the grantee as promptly as fiscal procedures permit. The grantee can typically expect payment approximately 45 business days from the date the Grant Manager approves a Grant Payment Request.
- The grantee must provide a [Reliable Contractor Declaration \(CalRecycle 168\)](https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Funding/GMS/) (<https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Funding/GMS/>) signed under penalty of perjury by the grantee’s contractors and subcontractors in accordance with the “Reliable Contractor Declaration” section of the Terms and Conditions (Exhibit A). The declaration must be received and approved by the Grant Manager prior to commencement of work. See the “Reliable Contractor Declaration” section in Terms and Conditions (Exhibit A) for more information.

### Payment Request and Documentation

Failure to submit the final Payment Request with appropriate documentation by the due date may result in rejection of the Payment Request and/or forfeiture by the grantee of claims for costs incurred that might otherwise have been eligible for grant funding.

The grantee must submit payment requests in GMS. For further instructions regarding GMS, including login directions, see the “Grants Management System” section (above). To submit a Grant Payment Request:

1. Go to the **Payment Request** tab.
2. Click on the **Create a Payment Request** button.
  - a. Choose **Reimburse** for the **Transaction Type** and enter the amount spent in each budget subcategory.
  - b. When the transaction is complete, click the **Save** button.
  - c. After the transaction is saved, the **Upload Supporting Documents** button will appear in the lower right corner.
3. Click the **Upload Supporting Documents** button.
  - a. Choose the **Document Type**, enter a **document title**, click the **Browse** button to search and upload the document, and then **Save**.
  - b. Select the **Back** button to upload another document and continue this process until all required supporting documents as listed below are uploaded.
  - c. The maximum allowable file size for each document is 35MB.
4. Click the **Submit Transaction** button, located on the transaction page, to complete your payment request. The **Submit Transaction** button will not be enabled until all required supporting documents are uploaded.
  - a. **Note:** Once a transaction is saved, select the transaction number from the **Payment Request** tab to access it again. Please do not create multiple transactions for the same requested funds.

### Supporting Documentation

- **Grant Payment Request form** (CalRecycle 87)
  - A copy of the form with a certified e-signature of the signatory or his/her designee, as authorized by grantee’s Resolution or Letter of Commitment, must be uploaded to GMS.



- a) **Note:** A designee may sign on behalf of the grantee if a) authorized by the Resolution or Letter of Commitment, and b) a Letter of Designation has been provided to the Grant Manager.
- **Cost and Payment Documentation**
  - Acceptable cost and payment documentation must include at least one of **each** of the following: a) Invoices, receipts, or purchase orders; and b) proof of payment.
    - a) Invoices, receipts, or purchase orders must include the vendor's name and telephone number, address, description of goods or services purchased, amount due, and date. The claimed expenses should be highlighted and identified with applicable approved budget line number on each invoice.
    - b) Proof of payment may include:
      - copy of cancelled check(s) that shows an endorsement from the banking institution
      - invoice(s) showing a zero balance, or stamped "paid" with a check number, date paid, and initials
      - accounting system report from local government if it contains the vendor name, date of invoice, invoice number, check number or internal ID, and date amount was paid
      - bank statement(s) along with a copy of the endorsed check or invoice showing the check number
      - copy of an electronic funds transfer confirmation
      - copy of a credit card statement(s)
  - The Grant Manager may require additional cost and payment documentation as necessary to verify eligible costs.
- **Expenditure Itemization Summary (EIS) (CalRecycle 777).** All expenditures must be itemized and arranged by the reporting and expenditure categories as contained in the grantee's approved Budget and Work Plan.
  - Each EIS must be accompanied by supporting documentation for each line-item expense. The grantee should retain the original documents.
- **Personnel Expenditure Summary (CalRecycle 165 or alternate approved method).** Document personnel expenditures based on actual time spent on grant activities and actual amounts paid to personnel (these forms are not required if you have an alternate time reporting method pre-approved by your Grant Manager).
- **Travel Expense Log Form (CalRecycle 246 or grantee's version).** Document costs related to travel and include supporting documentation.

All forms listed above are available on the [CalRecycle Application and Grant Management Tools](https://calrecycle.ca.gov/Funding/GMS/) (https://calrecycle.ca.gov/Funding/GMS/) webpage, Forms, Organics Grant Program.

### Annual Survey

Post-Grant Term Annual Surveys may be requested by CalRecycle or CARB to verify continuous progress of projects funded by the Organics Grant Program. The grantee may be asked to complete and submit an Annual Survey for the Organics Grant Program every year for three years after the end of Grant Term, based on the schedule below. Grantees that do not comply with the submission of requested Annual Surveys may be subject to exclusion of future grant award consideration. You will be notified via email once the annual online survey is available.

**Table 1. Surveys**

<b>Survey Due</b>	<b>Survey Period</b>
June 30, 2027	End of Grant Term – June 30, 2027
June 30, 2028	July 1, 2027 – June 30, 2028
June 30, 2029	July 1, 2028 – June 30, 2029

## **Audit Considerations**

The grantee agrees to maintain records and supporting documentation pertaining to the performance of this grant subject to possible audit for a minimum of three (3) years after final payment date or Grant Term end date, whichever is later. CalRecycle may stipulate a longer period of records retention in order to complete any action and/or resolution of all issues which may arise as a result of any litigation, dispute, or audit, whichever is later.

Examples of audit documentation include, but are not limited to, competitive bids, grant amendments if any relating to the Budget or Work Plan, copies of any agreements with contractors or subcontractors if utilized, expenditure ledger, payroll register entries, time sheets, personnel expenditure summary form, travel expense log, paid warrants, contracts and change orders, samples of items and materials developed with grant funds, invoices, and cancelled checks. Please refer to the Terms and Conditions (Exhibit A) for more information.