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# **Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Program Application Guidelines and Instructions Cycle 87, 88, 89 and 90 Fiscal Year 2025–26**

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# Grant Cycle Overview

The Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) offers the Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant pursuant to Section 48100 of the Public Resources Code. The purpose of the grant is to clean up illegally dumped material on farm and/or ranch property. The definition of farm and ranch property is available in the Eligible Projects section of this resource document.

- This grant also provides reimbursement for sites that have been previously remediated. See the Previously Remediated Site section for more information.
- During the fourth (last) cycle of the given fiscal year, applicants have the option to submit their application under the “Pilot” (if funds remain). See the Pilot Program section for more information.
- If you are a private landowner, an Eligible Applicant will need to apply for the grant on your behalf. Refer to the Property Owner Request for Cleanup section for more information.

The grantee will have approximately two years to complete the project. The precise term of the grant depends on when the grant is awarded.

This resource document provides applicants with instructions to access and complete the application online and information about grant administration. The web-based application is in CalRecycle’s [Grants Management System \(GMS\)](https://secure.calrecycle.ca.gov/Grants/SignIn.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fGrants) (<https://secure.calrecycle.ca.gov/Grants/SignIn.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fGrants>). The applicant will need to sign in to GMS to complete and submit an application.

**Note:** The following terms used in this document are defined below, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

- “Applicant” refers to either the legal name of the entity that is legally responsible for grant administration and any entity that will receive and control grant funded equipment, if awarded, or to a person who is completing an application on behalf of the Applicant (this is usually the primary contact listed on the application, but could also be the secondary contact, signature authority, or consultant).
- “You” refers to a person who is completing the application on behalf of the Applicant.
- “Grantee” refers to an applicant after approval of grant award.

## **Timeline (Cycles 87, 88, 89, and 90)**

### **Application Due Dates**

Applicants must submit applications in GMS by 11:59 p.m. on this date.

Customer service will be available until 4:00 p.m. on this date.

- **July 8, 2025 (Cycle 87)**
- **October 7, 2025 (Cycle 88)**
- **January 6, 2026 (Cycle 89)**
- **April 7, 2026 (Cycle 90)**

### **Secondary Due Dates**

Approved Resolution and any other Applicant's Required Authorization Documents must be uploaded in GMS by this date if it was not submitted with the application.

Applicants must have an Environmentally Preferable Purchasing and Practices Policy by this date.

- **August 5, 2025 (Cycle 87)**
- **November 4, 2025 (Cycle 88)**
- **February 3, 2026 (Cycle 89)**
- **May 5, 2026 (Cycle 90)**

### **Tentative Dates for Awarding Grants**

CalRecycle considers funding recommendations, and if approved, conditionally awards grants during this month.

- **October 2025 (Cycle 87)**
- **January 2026 (Cycle 88)**
- **April 2026 (Cycle 89)**
- **July 2026 (Cycle 90)**

### **Pilot Program Site Information Due**

Deadline to submit site supporting documentation for approval.

- **August 5, 2026 (Cycle 90)**

### **Grant Term**

- **Notice to Proceed Email date – April 4, 2028**

**For milestones that take place during the grant term, refer to the Procedures and Requirements document.**

## Eligible Applicants

California Labor Code section 1782 prohibits a charter city from receiving state funding or financial assistance for construction projects if that charter city does not comply with Labor Code sections 1770–1782. If any applicants or participating entities are charter cities or Joint Powers Authorities that include charter cities, the lead participating entity must certify on the Detail tab of the application that Labor Code section 1782 does not prohibit any included charter city from receiving state funds for the project described in this application. If it is determined after award that an applicant or participating entity is a charter city prohibited from receiving state funds for this grant project, the grant will be terminated and any disbursed grant funds shall be returned to CalRecycle.

Eligible applicants include:

- **Cities**
- **Counties**
- **Resource Conservation Districts**
- **Federally recognized Native American Tribes** [as defined in PRC Section 48100(d)(1)]

Private property owners are not eligible to apply directly; they must make a request for application submission to the city, county, resource conservation district, or Federally recognized Native American tribe (an eligible applicant) in which their property is located.

- The eligible applicant will review requests to apply for the grant. A formal review process is available; refer to the Local Agency Review of Property Owner's Request section for more information.
- If approved, the eligible applicant/"Local Agency" shall apply for the Grant on behalf of the property owner.

**Note:** For purposes of this application, "Applicant" and "Local Agency" mean cities, counties, resource conservation districts, and Federally recognized Native American tribes.

## Individual Application

An Individual Application is one in which a single eligible entity will be responsible for grant implementation. The applicant in an Individual Application will be responsible for the performance of the grant and all related documentation. In addition, the applicant will be the only entity receiving any real or personal property that is purchased with grant funds.

## Standard Application

To complete the standard application, do the following:

1. Finish all components in the various Tabs (reference GMS Tabs - Application Contents and Instructions section)
2. Upload these Application/Applicant's Documents in the Documents Tab:
  - a. Application Certification (must be signed)
  - b. Budget Form (one per site and a total budget)
  - c. Land Use/Zoning Designation (usually one per site)
  - d. Photographs (at least 3 per site)

- e. Property Access Authorization and Non-Responsibility Affidavit (usually one per site)
  - f. Site Characterization Form (one per site)
  - g. Vicinity Map (at least one per site)
  - h. Work Plan Form (usually one per site)
  - i. Resolution (may be uploaded by application or secondary due date)
3. Click submit (reference Application Submittal and Deadline section)

Reference the accompanying Procedures and Requirements document while completing your application.

## Previously Remediated Site Application

Sites that have been previously remediated (cleaned up prior) are eligible to receive reimbursement. The site must currently meet the Eligible Projects requirements. To receive reimbursement, proper “Cost and Payment Documentation” needs to be provided. Reference the “Supporting Documentation” section in the accompanying Procedures and Requirements document. Eligible applicants must meet the following requirements:

- The landowner must continue to own the property.
- Applicants cannot be reimbursed for time spent completing the application.
- Costs incurred prior to the date on the Notice to Proceed may be eligible for reimbursement.

To complete the Previously Remediated Site(s) application, do the following:

1. Finish all components in the various Tabs (reference GMS Tabs - Application Contents and Instructions section)
2. In addition to submitting the Standard Application items (letters a–i above), the following must be uploaded in the Documents Tab
  - a. “Cost and Payment Documentation” for all items on each Budget Form (invoices, receipts, disposal/recycling documentation/manifests)
    - i. Reference the “Supporting Documentation” section in the accompanying Procedures and Requirements document.
    - ii. Remember, wages paid to a landowner for time spent cleaning up his/her own property is an ineligible cost.
  - b. [Grant Report form \(CalRecycle 248\)](https://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/Docs/Web/115608)  
(<https://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/Docs/Web/115608>)
    - i. This should mirror the Site Characterization Form
  - c. Weight Tickets and Tire Manifests (optional)
    - i. Reference the “Weight Tickets and Tire Manifests” section in the accompanying Procedures and Requirements document.
  - d. Description of the success of the project.
    - i. Upload this as a separate document or include this description in the Site(s) Tab **Summary** section portion.
  - e. ‘After’ photographs
    - i. See application item number 4 Photographs section in this document.
3. Click submit (reference Application Submittal and Deadline section)

Reference the accompanying Procedures and Requirements document while completing your application; note the “Previously Remediated Site Grantees” section for additional actions needed if awarded.

## Pilot Program Application

The Pilot Program (Pilot) is only available in the fourth/last cycle of each fiscal year if funds remain. The application due date is April 7, 2026. The Pilot encourages more applicants to apply by extending due dates for several required application forms. All the same application documents are required for participation in the Pilot; however, the timeframe of when they are due is different from a standard application. After grant award, but prior to cleanup, the grantee is required to provide the remaining documentation by August 5, 2026.

The Pilot is optional and allows an applicant to apply for funds for existing illegal disposal sites by submitting a resolution, an estimate of expenses/sites, and completing appropriate GMS Tabs by the application due date. However, the more information the applicant can provide the better. If the grant program is oversubscribed, standard and previously remediated site applications will have priority.

To complete the Pilot Program application, do the following:

1. Finish all components in the various Tabs (reference GMS Tabs - Application Contents and Instructions section)
2. Upload these Application/Applicant's Documents in the Documents Tab:
  - a. Application Certification (must be signed)
  - b. Resolution (may be uploaded by application or secondary due date)
3. Click submit (reference Application Submittal and Deadline section)

Reference the accompanying Procedures and Requirements document while completing your application; note the “Pilot Program Grantees” section for additional actions needed if awarded.

## Eligible Projects/Products

Sites must meet all of the following criteria to be eligible for funding.

1. The parcel where the site is located is zoned or authorized for agricultural/rangeland use, consistent with the definition of:

**Farm and Ranch Property as defined in Title 14 CCR Section 17991(d);**

*A piece of property, publicly or privately owned, that is used for rangeland or agricultural activities such as, but not limited to, commercial livestock and crop production, horticulture, aquaculture, silviculture, floriculture, vermiculture and viticulture. Farm or ranch property need not have active sales or production, but shall be appropriately zoned, or otherwise authorized for agricultural activities. Farm or ranch property includes appurtenant easements or right-of-ways such as, but not limited to, public roads and utilities.*

2. The site is used, has been used, or could be used for agricultural/rangeland activities (reference property definition cited above for examples).
3. The intended future use of the site is consistent with the property definition cited above.



4. Neither the applicant, nor the property owner, nor any resident, invitee, licensee, lessee, or person the current property owner purchased or inherited from, by contract, agreement, or other arrangement, brought any of the subject solid waste onto the property.
5. The aforementioned parties did not direct, authorize, permit or otherwise provide consent to another to bring the solid waste onto the property. Moreover, 'unauthorized' disposal of solid waste and/or waste tires has occurred.
6. The responsible party either cannot be identified, located, or pay for timely and proper remediation.
7. The site is or was (for sites previously remediated) an illegal disposal site (i.e., not permitted/exempt from obtaining a solid waste facility permit, and is not a closed site as defined in [Title 27 CCR Section 20164](https://casetext.com/regulation/california-code-of-regulations/title-27-environmental-protection/division-2-solid-waste/subdivision-1-consolidated-regulations-for-treatment-storage-processing-or-disposal-of-solid-waste/chapter-2-definitions/article-2-specific-definitions/section-20164-combined-calrecycle-swr-cb-technical-definitions) (<https://casetext.com/regulation/california-code-of-regulations/title-27-environmental-protection/division-2-solid-waste/subdivision-1-consolidated-regulations-for-treatment-storage-processing-or-disposal-of-solid-waste/chapter-2-definitions/article-2-specific-definitions/section-20164-combined-calrecycle-swr-cb-technical-definitions>)).
8. The site is in need of cleanup in order to abate a nuisance or public health and safety threat, and/or a threat to the environment.

## **Project Types**

There are two project types.

1. Requesting funds for a site yet to be cleaned up ("standard").
  - a. The "Pilot Program" is primarily used for sites that have yet to be cleaned up.
2. Requesting funds for a "previously remediated site".

## **Available Funds**

- \$ 1,000,000 is available for this grant cycle, fiscal year 2025–26, subject to funding availability.
- \$ 200,000 is the maximum available for individual grant awards.
  - Two or more departments or agencies within a specific city or county are eligible for a combined total of \$200,000 per fiscal year.
  - An incorporated city, a resource conservation district and the county within which they are located are each eligible for up to \$200,000 of grant funds each fiscal year.
- Each site is limited to \$50,000.
  - Sites are referred to as single cleanups or abatement projects, and usually entail a large concentration of illegally dumped material in a single area. There can be multiple piles on one area/site.
  - Multiple sites may be included in one application.

## **Additional Funding Requirements and Notes**

- Each site, included in the application, will be fully remediated with grant funds, or a combination of grant funds and in-kind funds/services.
- Single sites requiring more than \$50,000 for cleanup up are still eligible contingent upon the commitment to subsidize the remaining requirements through alternative funds, in-kind services, and/or additional resources such as volunteer work.

- Grant funds are not available for the partial cleanup of an illegal disposal site.
- No matching funds are required.
- Grants are awarded based on eligibility and threat to public health and safety.
  - Reference the Grant Application Review Process section for specific criteria.

CalRecycle reserves the right to award all, a portion of, or none of the Farm and Ranch Grant fund during any fiscal year.

## Property Owner Request for Cleanup

Since private landowners are not eligible to apply for this grant themselves, they may request that a grant application be prepared on their behalf by a Local Agency/Eligible Applicant. The request must include the following:

1. A letter requesting that the Applicant apply for a grant on his/her behalf.
  - a. The letter must include the name, mailing address, email and telephone number of the property owner, and the approximate type and quantity of waste disposed on the property (use the Site Characterization Form as needed).
2. A vicinity map showing the location of each site and access points to the parcel of each site being requested for cleanup under the grant.
3. A signed and notarized Property Access Authorization and Non-Responsibility Affidavit from the property owner.
4. Photographs of the site documenting the presence of illegally disposed waste.

If there are questions or issues obtaining the above items please email; [farmandranch@calrecycle.ca.gov](mailto:farmandranch@calrecycle.ca.gov).

## Local Agency's Review of Property Owner's Request

The Local Agency has 45 days from receipt of the property owner's request to review the request, conduct a site visit and provide a written determination that the owner's property is, or is not eligible for submission of a Farm and Ranch grant application.

Once the Local Agency determines that the property owner's request is accurate and complete, the Local Agency shall submit a grant application to CalRecycle within 60 days from the date of determination.

If the Local Agency determines that the site is not eligible for a grant, it shall provide the property owner with the reasons for disapproval within 45 days of the receipt of the request. The property owner may appeal this determination pursuant to [Title 14 CCR Section 17994](https://casetext.com/regulation/california-code-of-regulations/title-14-natural-resources/division-7-department-of-resources-recycling-and-recovery/chapter-45-farm-and-ranch-solid-waste-cleanup-and-abatement-grant-program/article-5-property-owner-grant-application-request/section-179943-property-owner-appeal-rights?q=Title%202014%20CCR%20Section%2017994&sort=relevance&p=1&type=case&resultsNav=false) (<https://casetext.com/regulation/california-code-of-regulations/title-14-natural-resources/division-7-department-of-resources-recycling-and-recovery/chapter-45-farm-and-ranch-solid-waste-cleanup-and-abatement-grant-program/article-5-property-owner-grant-application-request/section-179943-property-owner-appeal-rights?q=Title%202014%20CCR%20Section%2017994&sort=relevance&p=1&type=case&resultsNav=false>).

## Responsibilities

Applicants are ultimately responsible for the preparation of the grant application, management of the cleanup project, and completion and submittal of all grant related

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documents. Either the Local Agency or property owner may initiate the grant. If the request is from a property owner in accordance with the Property Owner Request for Cleanup section, the Applicant must comply with the Local Agency's Review of Property Owner's Request section.

## **Grant Term**

The Grant Term begins on the date that CalRecycle sends the Notice to Proceed email. The Grant Term ends on April 4, 2028.

For detailed information about requirements within the grant term, refer to the Procedures and Requirements document

## **Eligible and Ineligible Costs**

Grantees may incur eligible costs only during the Grant Term. For detailed information about eligible and ineligible costs, refer to the Procedures and Requirements document.

## **Environmentally Preferable Purchases and Practices Policy Requirement**

Consistent with CalRecycle's core values, CalRecycle requires all applicants to have or develop, adopt, and implement an Environmentally Preferable Purchasing and Practices (EPPP) Policy for their organizations.

Applicants must have an EPPP Policy in place prior to submitting their application and certify to this fact on the Detail tab in the application. If applicants do not have an EPPP Policy in place prior to submitting their application, they must certify to the fact that a Policy will be adopted by the secondary due date on the Detail tab in the application.

Some additional practices that CalRecycle encourages organizations to include in their EPPP Policies are:

- Buildings and Grounds
  - All building and renovations follow the green building practices for design, construction and operation, where appropriate, as described in the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design [Green Building Rating System](https://www.usgbc.org/resources/leed-v4-building-design-and-construction-current-version) (<https://www.usgbc.org/resources/leed-v4-building-design-and-construction-current-version>).
- Continual Improvement
  - Training is provided to new and existing employees.
  - Organization regularly evaluates and/or improves implementation of EPPP policy.

Additional EPPP Policy resources may be found on the [CalRecycle Environmentally Preferable Purchasing \(EPP\) webpage](https://calrecycle.ca.gov/EPP/) (<https://calrecycle.ca.gov/EPP/>) and the [Responsible Purchasing Network](http://www.responsiblepurchasing.org/purchasing_guides/all/policies/) ([http://www.responsiblepurchasing.org/purchasing\\_guides/all/policies/](http://www.responsiblepurchasing.org/purchasing_guides/all/policies/)).

**Note:** If a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) applies, only the JPA needs an EPPP Policy.

## Public Records Requests

CalRecycle's policy is to make records requested by the public promptly available in accordance with the laws governing disclosure of records and information to the public. In general, all records in the possession of a state agency are public records subject to disclosure, unless a law provides that a particular kind of record or information is not a public record or is exempt or prohibited from disclosure.

Upon request, the entire contents of the submitted application are subject to public records requests. This may include contact information, project summary, uploaded documents, and scoring information. Public records may be requested from CalRecycle through the [California Public Records Act Requests web page](https://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/Forms/ContactUs/PublicRecordsRequest/) (<https://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/Forms/ContactUs/PublicRecordsRequest/>).

## Confidentiality

The following describes the treatment of certain confidential or proprietary information under the California Public Records Act (Government Code 7920.000 et seq.) and related regulations. It also describes how questions are resolved on whether information is truly confidential, the legal protections for confidential information, and internal and program procedures to maintain confidentiality.

### Confidential or Proprietary Information

Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (14 CCR), [sections 17041–17046](https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Laws/Regulations/Title14/) (<https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Laws/Regulations/Title14/>), states that confidential or proprietary information shall include, but is not limited to:

- Personal or business-related financial data, customer client lists, supplier lists and other information of a proprietary or confidential business nature provided by persons in applications, reports, returns, certifications or other documents submitted to [CalRecycle] which if released would result in harmful effects on the person's competitive position.
- Tax information prohibited from disclosure, pursuant to the Revenue and Taxation Code.

Accordingly, appropriate documents submitted with an application that are clearly marked, on each page, "confidential or proprietary information" will be treated by CalRecycle pursuant to the procedures set forth in 14 CCR sections 17041–17046. However, the law does not treat documents marked as "confidential or proprietary information" (such as sales brochures, promotional literature and other general non-financial documents) as confidential if they do not fall within the categories of protected financial documents listed above.

### What if there is a question about what is confidential?

If CalRecycle receives a request to disclose data claimed by the applicant to be confidential, CalRecycle would notify the applicant of the request and state that the documents were under review to determine whether information was correctly identified as "confidential." If there was any question as to whether specific information was confidential, CalRecycle would contact the person(s) identified in the application to provide a justification and statement why the information is confidential. The process for evaluating confidentiality claims is set forth in section 14 CCR 17046.

## What procedures does CalRecycle have in place to ensure that confidential information is kept confidential?

Confidential or proprietary information will be evaluated and analyzed only by CalRecycle staff, kept confidential, and will be maintained with restricted access. Records no longer needed to provide the services offered under the grant program are periodically destroyed, when allowed by audit policies and state law.

# Application Instructions

## Application Access

The application is available in CalRecycle's web-based Grants Management System (GMS). Access to GMS is secure; therefore, you must have a CalRecycle WebPass to log in to the system. Those who have not previously obtained a CalRecycle WebPass can create an account at the [CalRecycle WebPass page](https://secure.calrecycle.ca.gov/WebPass/) (<https://secure.calrecycle.ca.gov/WebPass/>).

To start an application:

1. Log in to [GMS](https://secure.calrecycle.ca.gov/Grants/) (<https://secure.calrecycle.ca.gov/Grants/>).
2. Select **Apply for a Grant** on the left.
  - All open grant cycles are displayed in a table.
3. Find **Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Program: Fiscal Year 2025–26** and select **Start Application**.
  - A pop-up window will appear asking for contact information. If you have an existing GMS Account, the information may be auto populated.
  - GMS will automatically add you as the Primary Contact for the new grant application; however, you may update this later.
4. Click **Save**.

## GMS Tabs - Application Contents and Instructions

The components of the application are divided into tabs. To fill out an application, click on each tab and complete the sections in each tab as required. General directions are on the top of each tab, and detailed information about the requirements for each tab is listed below.

The applicant is responsible for a complete application. This includes signing documents, uploading required documents, and submitting the application by the due date(s). Failure to do so will result in disqualification from the Farm and Ranch Grant Program.

Examples of disqualifications may include:

- Applicant does not meet the eligibility requirements.
- Project is not eligible.
- Applicant fails to use required CalRecycle documents or forms.
- Applicant uploads incomplete or blank documents to the Documents tab.
- Signature Authority fails to sign Application Certification or any document that requires a signature.
- The online application is incomplete or missing information.
- Applicant fails to adopt an EPPP Policy by the secondary due date.

## Summary Tab

This tab provides a summary of the application, due dates, resource documents and links, application documents, and the Application Submission section. It is the applicant's responsibility to submit all required documents, based on the particular grant application/project, by the appropriate due date.

## Applicant/Participant Tab

The applicant name is the legal name of the entity that is legally responsible for grant administration, if awarded.

1. Select the **Add Applicant/Participant** button and type in the **Applicant Name** and **County**. Do not enter your personal name.
2. Search the table for the correct applicant name and select **Add Applicant/Participant**.
3. Choose the **Lead Participant** radio button and click **Save**.
  - Every application must have a Lead Participant even if it is an individual application with no Non-Lead Participants.

If the Participant Search List does not contain your Applicant/Participant name:

1. Click on **Add New Applicant/Participant**.
2. Enter the **Applicant/Participant Name** as it appears on the Resolution. Do not include the department or unit name. Do not enter your personal name.
  - List county names with the name first followed by the word "County," e.g., "Sacramento County."
  - List city names as "City of" followed by the city's name, e.g., "City of Sacramento."
3. Complete all required fields then click **Save**.

For a list of eligible applicants, please see the Grant Cycle Overview section titled "Eligible Applicants."

## Detail Tab

Complete this tab as follows:

1. Enter a dollar amount in the **Grant Funds Requested** field. Do not exceed the maximum grant award amount of \$200,000. Please round all amounts to the nearest whole dollar.
2. Enter the **Assembly Districts and Senate Districts**. To select more than one district hold the "Ctrl" key while selecting the numbers.
3. Enter the applicant's **Department Name**, e.g., "General Services." If the applicant does not have a department, enter the applicant's name.
4. Enter the grant payment mailing address. This is the address CalRecycle sends payments.
5. **Project Summary/Statement of Use**: Describe the overall project, the eligible applicant's experience with illegal dumping, and overall eligibility by addressing letters **a–e** below (each site's detailed cleanup strategy to be described under the Site(s) Tab):
  - a. Number of cleanup sites in the application.
  - b. A brief statement as to the need and overall objective of the project(s).
  - c. As the applicant, describe your experience with illegal dumping, if any.

- i. Address the following questions (note the [Illegal Dumping Resources Toolbox](https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/illegaldump) (<https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/illegaldump>) as needed)
  1. Is illegal dumping a continual problem in your area?
  2. What have you done to try to overcome the issue or what types of abatement measures have you used?
  3. Describe any illegal dumping prevention programs utilized (such as waste tire amnesty days, household hazardous waste cleanup events, free landfill disposal)
  4. Highlight any innovative programs you tried, to discourage illegal dumping.
- d. Confirm that the site(s) are eligible by providing a statement such as: “the responsible party cannot be identified, located, or pay for timely and proper remediation,” if it is indeed true.
- e. Mention any important partners/resources/funds such as:
  - i. Local Conservation Corps
  - ii. Volunteer labor
  - iii. In-kind services
  - iv. [Recycling](https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/recycle) (<https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/recycle>)
  - v. [Compost/mulch](https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Organics/CompostMulch/) (<https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Organics/CompostMulch/>)
  - vi. Revegetation planned
  - vii. Matching and/or other available funds
  - viii. Any funds used in the past to remediate problems at the site(s).
6. Select the appropriate option for the Resolution and optional Letter of Designation.
7. Select the appropriate option for the Environmentally Preferable Purchasing and Practices Policy.
8. Select the appropriate answer for Program Questions.
  - 1) Are you a Federally Recognized Native American tribe? (only federal tribes are eligible)
  - 2) Are you applying for the Pilot Program? (asked in Cycle 90 only)

## Contacts Tab

CalRecycle requires the application to have only one Primary Contact and at least one Signature Authority. Each application contact may be granted access by checking the box on the top of the contact’s detail screen. The contact will be able to log in to GMS using their own CalRecycle WebPass and access the application.

**Note:** CalRecycle requires a valid email address for the Signature Authority in order to route the Grant Agreement, if awarded.

- **Primary Contact.** One person who the Signature Authority or their designee has authorized to manage and oversee the grant. This person will be the first contact with whom the Grant Manager will communicate.
- **Signature Authority.** The person(s) authorized to sign CalRecycle documents, such as grant applications, grant agreements, etc., as authorized by a board/council-adopted Resolution, Letter of Designation.
- **Secondary Contact.** A person authorized (by the Primary Contact or Signature Authority or their designee) as the alternate person with whom the Grant Manager will communicate. (Not required.)



- **Consultant.** A professional who provides advice in an area of expertise. If CalRecycle awards a grant to the applicant, the consultants may manage the grant or only conduct specific activities, based on a written agreement between the applicant and the consultant outlining work to be performed. (Not required.)
- **Participant Signature Authority.** (Applicable to Cooperative applications only) The person(s) authorized to sign documents on behalf of their organization, as authorized by a Resolution, or Letter of Designation.

## Budget Tab

Complete the budget document provided in GMS and follow the steps below.

1. Transfer the total of each budget category from the budget document into the Budget tab of GMS.
  - a. Budget amounts in the budget document must match those entered in the Budget tab.
  - b. The total amounts entered in the Budget tab of GMS must equal the Grant Funds Requested amount shown in the Detail tab.
2. Upload the budget document(s) in Excel format to the Documents tab of GMS.

Utilizing a document form other than the official CalRecycle versions, tampering with the CalRecycle version, or otherwise circumventing imposed character limits, may subject the applicant to disqualification.

## Site(s) Tab

Add an entry for each grant project/site. This tab tracks each project/site requested for cleanup and its accompanying abatement measures. Complete the required information listed below:

- Sites are referred to as a single cleanups or abatement projects, and usually entail a large concentration of illegally dumped material in a single area. There can be multiple piles on one area/site.
- One or multiple sites may be submitted per application.

Provide the following information:

1. **Name.** Use the property owners name, the street name, or a descriptive title to help identify the site.
2. **Site Type.** Choose the type that best fits the property usage. Refer to the Land Use/Zoning Designation section as needed.
3. **Address line 1.** List the physical street address for the site or the closest approximation.
4. **Address line 2.** List the Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) for the site. This number should match the APN # on the Site Characterization Form and Affidavit.
5. **Budget Amount.** The amount requested to cleanup that site. Remember, each site is limited to \$50,000. See the Available Funds section for more information.
6. **Summary.** List the following elements to indicate your Abatement Plan.
  - a. Indicate whether the property is publicly or privately owned.
  - b. Explain what measures will be put in place after cleanup to help prevent the property from being dumped on again. This may include increased



surveillance, fencing, gates, or physical barriers such as a ditch, boulders or k-rail, and/or any public education/outreach efforts/programs.

i. Innovation is encouraged

1. Use the [Illegal Dumping Resources Toolbox](https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/illegaldump) (<https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/illegaldump>) as needed.
2. Reference the Eligible and Ineligible Costs detailed information in the accompanying Procedures and Requirements document for permissible expenses.
3. Make sure your strategy is reflected in the Work Plan and Budget, as applicable.

**Note:** More specific details about each site will be described in the Site Characterization Form.

## Documents Tab

See the Application Documents Section in the Summary tab for documents that must be uploaded in the Documents tab.

When uploading a document, enter a document title, select the appropriate document type from the drop-down list, and enter the date that it was executed/signed, if applicable, or select “today’s date.”

Important: Please note the Application/Project Types section when completing your application to determine which documents are required to be uploaded/completed for the application. (Standard, Previously Remediated Site, or Pilot Program).

Document files cannot include special characters such as commas, dollar signs, asterisks, etc.

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## Application Submittal and Deadline

The **Submit Application** button located in the Summary tab will be enabled after all required documents have been uploaded.

Click the **Submit Application** button and the application status will change to **Application Submitted**. You can only submit the application once; however, you may upload the following documents until the secondary due date: Resolution, Letter of Designation.

You must submit your application no later than 11:59 p.m. on:

- July 8, 2025 for Cycle 87
- October 7, 2025 for Cycle 88
- January 6, 2026 for Cycle 89
- April 7, 2026 for Cycle 90

Customer service will be available until 4:00 p.m. on the application due date either by emailing [grantassistance@calrecycle.ca.gov](mailto:grantassistance@calrecycle.ca.gov) or calling (916)-341-6375, however, there is no guarantee CalRecycle will be able to provide support if there is an influx of inquiries.

**Note:** Applications that are not submitted by the due date will be deleted from GMS.

## Application Documents

Below is a list of all documents required for a complete application. Instructions on how to obtain all documents are described below.

1. Application Certification
2. Budget Form
3. Property Access Authorization and Non-Responsibility Affidavit
4. Site Characterization Form
5. Work Plan Form

## CalRecycle Documents

CalRecycle documents are accessible through the Summary tab in the Application Documents section. To access a document, click on the link, open it up, fill it out, save it to your computer, and upload it to the Documents tab. If you are having trouble with a document, email [grantassistance@calrecycle.ca.gov](mailto:grantassistance@calrecycle.ca.gov) or call (916) 341-6375.

Altered or reproduced CalRecycle documents or templates may result in automatic disqualification of your application. Unless a document specifies that it may be reproduced as necessary, **do not** alter CalRecycle documents.

**Note:** Do not include special characters in file names. Doing so may result in automatic disqualification of your application.

## Application Certification

The Application Certification is a required application document that must be generated from GMS.

After you have completed each tab of the application and uploaded the required documents, generate the Application Certification.

1. Click “Print Application Certification” under the Application Submission section of the Summary tab.
  - a. **Note:** You will not be able to click “Print Application Certification” until each tab of the application is completed and all required application documents have been uploaded.
2. Signature Authority signs the Application Certification using a certified e-signature or original wet signature.

Upload the signed Application Certification to the Documents tab.

## Budget Form [CalRecycle 789 (Rev. 7/20)]

In addition to completing the Budget Tab, a Budget Form is required. An example of a completed Budget Form is located below. The Budget Form should reflect the costs from the Work Plan Form.

If applying for multiple 'sites', multiple Budget Forms are needed (one for each site, and a Total Budget).

1. Complete a Budget Form for each site. These are your 'Site' Budgets.
2. All 'Site' Budgets combined/added will create the 'Total' Budget.
3. Make sure everything (line items and costs) from the 'Site' Budgets are reflected in the 'Total' Budget.
  - a. Remember, each 'site' is limited to \$50,000 (in CalRecycle funding).
4. Ensure all 'Site' Budgets add up to the same figure in the 'Total' Budget.
5. Do not include cents. Round to the nearest dollar.
6. Once the Budget Form(s) are complete, upload them in Excel format to the Documents Tab.
7. Ensure the Budget Tab reflects the amount on the 'Total' Budget.

### Note:

- It is not necessary to use all budget categories, only the ones applicable to your project.
- To ensure grant completion, it is acceptable to include contingency (usually 15 percent [15%]), by budget category, to cover any unexpected increase in expenses. See "Contingency" in the example Budget Form below.
- CalRecycle may request further justification to demonstrate project(s) are cost effective (in relation to the location, type and quantity of waste).
- Always maximize the use of available funds/resources through cost savings (such as volunteer labor, in-kind services, recycling options, and [Local Conservation Corps](https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/funding/localcc) (<https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/funding/localcc>) depending on the type of waste and site location).
  - If applicable, indicate in-kind expenditures, etc. on the budget.
  - It is optional to list the value of any subsidized services, although it could be requested. If listed, make sure to indicate which funds are being requested through CalRecycle.
- Upon completion of the grant, all costs will need to be verified, explained and/or justified with appropriate "Supporting Documentation". See the accompanying Procedures and Requirements document for specifics, as needed.
- Although not required, quotes and estimates may be requested. Without this documentation, the expense may be considered unreasonable and disallowed in whole or in part from the proposed budget.

## Budget Categories

### A. Administrative Costs

Administrative costs are often considered indirect costs, which are costs not capable of being assigned, or not readily itemized to a particular project or activity, but are considered necessary for grant performance and general business/organization operation. Examples include, but are not limited to, a portion of rent, utilities, telephone bill, costs of operating/maintaining facilities, accounting services, administrative salaries, and/or indirect supervisory roles. Charge direct supervision

under “Personnel”. As applicable, [Personnel Expenditure Summary form \(CalRecycle 165\)](https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Funding/Forms/) (https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Funding/Forms/) or an equivalent.

- Reference the “Administrative Costs” section in the accompanying Procedures and Requirements document detailing Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

Administrative Costs should not exceed seven percent (7%) of the ‘direct’ costs for cleanup. In other words, the “Administrative Costs” category total should be no more than seven percent (7%) of the other categories’ total. Use the below calculation.

B. Disposal/Recycling	\$
C. Equipment	\$
D. Materials	\$
E. Personnel	\$
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<b>Subtotal – Total Project Cost</b>	<b>\$</b>
A. Administrative costs [not to exceed 7% of (B) + (C) + (D) + (E)]	\$
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<b>Total (not to exceed \$50,000) per site)</b>	<b>\$</b>

#### **B. Disposal and Recycling**

The cost of disposal and recycling of materials removed from the site. (The amount of material removed from the site(s) is reported using the [Grant Report form \(CalRecycle 248\)](https://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/Docs/Web/115608) [https://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/Docs/Web/115608]).

#### **C. Equipment**

The cost of equipment (used/rented/purchased) necessary to complete the project.

#### **D. Materials**

The cost of materials, including, but not limited to, gates, fencing, locks, cameras (fake), fuel/mileage, vegetative cover (compost/mulch), plants and public education/outreach (brochures or flyers). Refer to the Eligible and Ineligible Costs detailed information in the accompanying Procedures and Requirements document for additional requirements and cost limits.

#### **E. Personnel**

The cost of salaries and benefits for personnel whose activities ‘directly’ affect completion of the grant. Examples include, but are not limited to, labor/supervision performed, and time spent preparing and processing grant Payment Requests/Reports (CalRecycle grant requirements). Charge indirect costs under “Administrative Costs”. Use [Personnel Expenditure Summary form \(CalRecycle 165\)](https://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/Docs/Web/111321) (https://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/Docs/Web/111321) or an equivalent.

### **Example Budget Form**

Applicant Name:	Sunshine County RCD	Date:	4/29/2014
Site Name or "Total":	Total		
(A) Administrative Costs			
As applicable, use the "Personnel Expenditure Summary" form or an equivalent: (CalRecycle 165)			
Position/Indirect Cost	Duties/Description	(Hours) rate x hours = \$	Dollar Amount
Utilities	Portion of total cost	7 months	\$ 300.00
Director	Oversite of grant activities	20 hours	\$ 1,200.00
Rent	Portion of total cost	6 months	\$ 1,612.00
Subtotal	*Note (B thru E) Subtotal below		\$ 3,112.00
(B) Disposal/Recycle			
Organization	Description	Quantity	Dollar Amount
Big Hammer Car Crushers	Crush and recycle vehicles	10 vehicles	\$ 2,500.00
Elk Valley Landfill	Dispose of solid waste	100 tons	\$ 6,000.00
Best Scrap Metal	60 yard roll-off containers	4 each	\$ 3,000.00
Subtotal			\$ 11,500.00
(C) Equipment			
Organization	Description	Quantity	Dollar Amount
Contractor	Excavator and crane	10 days	\$ 13,300.00
Sunshine Rentals	Water Truck	5 days	\$ 2,000.00
	Contingency (15% suggested)		\$ 2,295.00
Subtotal			\$ 17,595.00
(D) Materials			
Organization	Description	Quantity	Dollar Amount
SLB Ranch Supply	Fencing	300 ft	\$ 3,000.00
County	No dumping signs	2	\$ 600.00
Subtotal			\$ 3,600.00
(E) Personnel			
Use the "Personnel Expenditure Summary" form or an equivalent: (CalRecycle 165)			
Position/Contractor	Duties	Est. Hours rate x hours = \$	Dollar Amount
Sunshine Valley Conservation Corps.	Manually removed solid waste	80 hours	\$ 10,000.00
Project Coordinator	Prepare reports	40 hours	\$ 1,600.00
Admin. Assistant	Assist with invoices, claims, payroll	20 hours	\$ 600.00
Subtotal			\$ 12,200.00
Subtotal (B) + (C) + (D) + (E) =			\$ 44,895.00
		*(A) should not exceed 7% of (B thru E) subtotal = \$ 3,142.65	
Grand Total			\$ 48,007.00

## Property Access Authorization and Non-Responsibility Affidavit [CalRecycle 889 (Rev. 6/20)]

This document grants legal access to the property for cleanup and verifies under penalty of perjury, that neither the current property owner, nor any other specifically identified individual(s) were responsible for the disposal of the solid waste proposed for cleanup.

1. The land/property owner must complete the Affidavit and have their signature notarized.
  - a. If the property owner is an entity, an authorized agent/representative must sign on behalf of the organization.

- b. If the eligible applicant is unable to reach the land/property owner or they are deceased, contact the Grant Manager. An alternative document may be substituted.

### **Site Characterization Form [CalRecycle 790 (Rev. 7/20)]**

In conjunction with the Detail Tab, Site(s) Tab, and Affidavit, this document helps staff assess each project/site. This form helps evaluate to what degree the circumstance threatens public health and safety and/or the environment.

Complete this form for each site:

- **Name of Site:** Refer to Site(s) Tab for naming convention.
- **Parcel Number:** Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) (see Affidavit)
- **Parcel Size:** (see Affidavit)
- **Solid Waste Information System (SWIS) Number:** This is a number assigned by CalRecycle. The site may, or may not, have a SWIS Number.
- **Location:** Street address (same one used in the Site(s) Tab). Additionally, if the site is difficult to find, provide further detail so it is easy to locate.
- **Zoning:** Refer to the Land Use/Zoning Designation section. Examples include classifications such as Agricultural, Timberland Production, Rural-Residential, etc.
- **Owned By:** Owner's name (see Affidavit)
- **Owners Mailing Address:** (see Affidavit)
- **General Description of Site (History/Background):**
  - Current Land Use
    - Is the parcel upon which the illegal disposal site located 'active' farm or ranch property? In other words, is it currently being used for range land, livestock or crop production, aquaculture, floriculture, horticulture, silviculture, vermiculture, viticulture, other. Include the type of livestock, crop(s), and other activities on the property.
    - If the site is an inactive farm/ranch property, describe the past use of the property.
  - Site History
    - If not fully explained by the landowner on the Affidavit, provide additional detail as to how the illegally disposed waste was discovered and how the waste came to be on the site.
  - Topography
    - Describe the terrain of the property; is the land upon which the waste is located flat, mountainous, have gently sloping hills, etc.
  - Accessibility of site as it pertains to the proposed cleanup. (Is the illegal disposal site accessible from a public road? By vehicle or on foot?)
  - Exact location of the waste on the parcel. Is the waste in a drainage ditch, edge of an alfalfa field, in a ravine, ten feet from a public road, etc.?
- **Enforcement Action:** Has been taken? If yes, complete Table 1 and explain any enforcement actions, such as a code enforcement violation or citation issued in regards to the site(s) being proposed for cleanup.



- **Owner Responsibility:** Describe any measures or actions taken by the property owner or Applicant to address the illegal dumping.
- **Material/Waste Estimate:** Complete Table 2. These amounts are estimates used to compare with the final quantity of material removed.
- **Land Use:** Answer Yes or No for these questions regarding 1000ft/1 mile, and, if applicable, provide an Environmentally Sensitive Area and/or Planned Improvements explanation.
- **Soil Type:** Check appropriate soil types and related water inquiries.

## **Work Plan Form [CalRecycle 791 (Rev. 7/20)]**

This document is a detailed, chronological, and step-by-step list of the tasks necessary to remediate the nuisance or threat posed by the illegal disposal site. The Budget Form(s) should be consistent with activities in the Work Plan Form and vice versa.

This document may also be used as a timeline of the entire grant process from start until completion/closure. However, if using it as a timeline, remember you cannot incur costs for time spent completing the application. You can only incur costs after you have received your Notice to Proceed. See Grant Term section for specific details.

### **Creating the Work Plan**

Refer to the Eligible and Ineligible Costs detailed information in the accompanying Procedures and Requirements document for permissible tasks. A separate Work Plan Form must be completed for each site. If sites are small, close in proximity, and have the same characteristics described on the Site Characterization Form, one Work Plan Form may suffice.

### **Include the following information in your Work Plan:**

- Estimated cleanup start date and completion date.
  - Generally, the grant term begins three months after the application deadline and lasts approximately two years.
- Collaborative organizations/property owner involvement.
- Any agencies/businesses contacted for permits, licenses, etc., such as the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Department of Toxic Substances Control, city or county planning department, etc.
- Startup steps (such as: clearing brush, creating a road, mobilizing equipment, researching “rights of way”, conducting California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), establishing the scope of work, etc.).
- ‘After’ photographs.
  - Taken from the same location as the ‘before’ photographs for reference.
- Estimated completion date for the Final Report and final Payment Request.
- Removal of solid waste, recyclables, etc.
- Transportation of tires by registered waste tire hauler to destination facility.
  - Refer to the accompanying Procedures and Requirements document “Waste Tire Hauler” section if needed.
- Grading and re-vegetation work to be performed ([compost/mulch](https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Organics/CompostMulch/) [<https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Organics/CompostMulch/>]).
- Prevention measures to be installed, such as fencing and gates, and/or any public education/outreach efforts/programs.

- The Work Plan Form should note the Abatement Plan mentioned under the Site(s) Tab.

## Work Plan Example

Line	Task Description	Contractor or Staff	Timeframe
1	Pre-Work 1. Verify property lines, take photos, research applicable permits, rights of way. 2. Contact Mr. Lee and Contractor regarding start date.	River City Staff	December 2023
2	Site Prep and Logistics 1. Secure and deliver debris bins, excavator, materials, tools and on site recycling. 2. Install containment area for used oil and batteries.	Contractor ABC Recycling	February 2024
3	Solid Waste Removal 1. Remove tires and other debris with excavator. 2. Sort debris into appropriate bins.	World Tires Pomegranate Valley Corps	March-April 2024
4	Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling 1. Transport tires to West Coast Tire Recyclers, collect/file tire manifests for payment request. 2. Transport household hazardous waste to Inland Recycling. 3. Check weight limits and transportation of solid waste to Elk Valley Landfill.	World Tires Safe Haz Transport	May-June 2024
5	Site Restoration 1. Level and recontour. Add compost/mulch. 2. Plant vegetation. 3. Install fencing/signage. 4. Return equipment.	Beautiful Garden River City Staff Pomegranate Valley Corps	July 2024
6	Final Report and Photos 1. Take "after" photos same spot as "before" photos. 2. Gather receipts, waste report amounts, labor records. 3. Complete report and payment request. 4. Post completed project to social media/local news.	River City Staff Pomegranate Valley Corps	September 2024

## Applicant's Documents

Below is a list of documents that the applicant is responsible for preparing and uploading to their application. For examples/templates of some of these documents, please refer to the **Summary tab**. Retain the original hard copy documents for potential CalRecycle audits. See Audit Considerations Section of the Procedures and Requirements for more information.

## Land Use/Zoning Designation

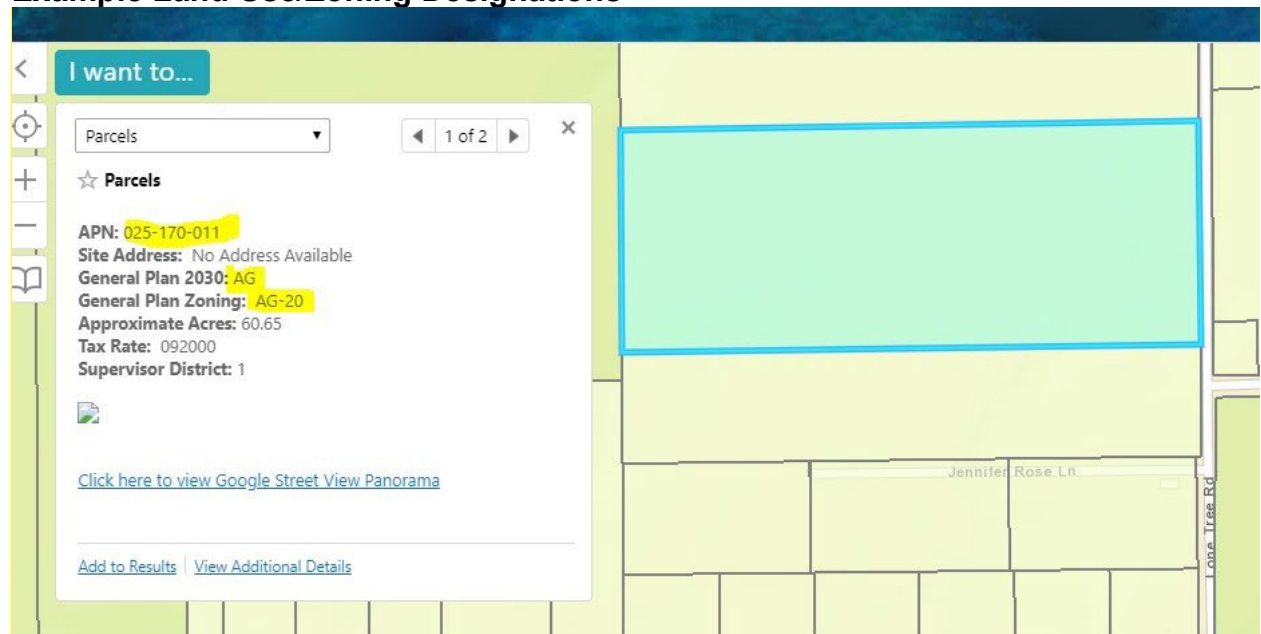
The land uses allowed on a parcel must be identified to determine if a site is eligible for funding.

- The parcel must be zoned or authorized for agriculture/rangeland use consistent with the definition of Farm and Ranch Property as defined in Title 14 CCR Section 17991(d).
- Land use/zoning designation can be found on the zoning document for the parcel from the county. The Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) is often needed in order to locate the required information. This information is assessable through the county's website and can be found by using the street address.
- If available, contact the Planning Department for assistance.
- An example of zoning documentation is available below.



- Note that certain maps and parcel viewers may also have this information.

## Example Land Use/Zoning Designations



## Photographs

Photographs document the presence of waste to justify the need for grant funds.

Upload an adequate number of photos to represent the majority of the waste present on each project/site (at least three [3] photos for each project/site). Upload photos individually, or add them to a document first, then upload the document.

- Make sure the photo/document title identifies which project/site is being represented.
- Take photos from a recognizable location so the 'after' photos can match the same location as much as possible.
- Include both 'before' and 'after' photos if applying for a "previously remediated site".

## Vicinity Map

Provide a map that will allow a person unfamiliar with the area to find the site(s).

- If needed, provide an additional map showing public roads and the location of structures, agricultural crops, and surface bodies of water in relation to the location of the waste on the property.
- Map can be hand drawn.
- If applicable, a Land Use/Zoning Designation map may be used.

## Applicant's Required Authorization Documents

Below is a list of required authorizing documents by application type that the applicant is responsible for preparing and uploading to their application.

Authorizing documents are documents which are written by the applicant. The documents give the applicant permission to apply for a grant, accept grant awards, and/or name the person authorized to sign grant documents on the applicant's behalf.

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Below are the requirements for each type of authorizing document. Read each one carefully to determine which document(s) fits your application and applicant type. **Note:** For Resolution, Letter of Authorization, Letter of Designation, and Letter of Support templates, refer to the [Resolution and Letter Examples](https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Funding/SampleDocs) (<https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Funding/SampleDocs>) web page. CalRecycle staff are available to answer questions about these documents or to review your draft authorization documents to ensure they meet the requirements of the grant program. You may email your draft authorization documents to [grantassistance@calrecycle.ca.gov](mailto:grantassistance@calrecycle.ca.gov).

## Individual Application Authorization Documents

If **subject to a governing body and board approval is required to legally bind the applicant**, the applicant must submit a Resolution no later than the secondary due date or CalRecycle will deem the application incomplete and disqualify the applicant.

The Resolution must:

1. Authorize submittal of an application for one or more specifically named CalRecycle Grant(s) or for all CalRecycle Grants.
2. Identify the job titles of the Signature Authorities authorized to sign all grant-related documents necessary to secure funds and implement the approved project(s). The Resolution may also include language authorizing the Signature Authorities to delegate authority to additional job titles.
  - a. Applicants can only submit a Letter of Designation if the corresponding Resolution includes designee language.
3. Identify the time period during which the authorizations are valid. The minimum duration is the grant term, and the maximum duration is five years from the date of adoption. If the Resolution expires during the application period or the grant term, CalRecycle will require a new valid Resolution.
4. Be certified by the governing body.

**Note:** The Signature Authority must sign a Letter of Designation **prior** to the designee's exercise of their authority.

## Letter of Designation

CalRecycle requires a Letter of Designation (LOD) only when the Signature Authority identified in the approved Resolution chooses to delegate their signature authority to another person. The applicant must upload the LOD **prior** to the designee's exercise of their authority. If the designee signs an application document in place of the Signature Authority, the applicant must upload the LOD with their application.

The LOD must:

1. Be on Applicant's letterhead.
2. Reference the Authorizing Resolution by number (or date adopted if not numbered).
3. Include the job title of the designee and the scope of the designee's authority.
4. Include the time period during which the designee may exercise the authority.
5. Be signed and dated by the Signature Authority.

The designee's authority may not extend beyond the effective date of the approved Resolution. For example, if the Resolution is effective until December 31, 2025, then the Letter of Designation may not be effective beyond December 31, 2025.

## **Electronic Signatures**

CalRecycle requires a certified e-Signature or original wet 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 completed using the "Fill and Sign" function within Adobe. Any document using the "Fill and Sign" function is considered incomplete and may be sent back to the applicant.

Once the document(s) have been signed by the Signature Authority, upload the digitally signed document, or scan the wet signature and save it to GMS. Retain the original document for potential CalRecycle audits. See Audit Considerations Section of the Procedures and Requirements document for more information.

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

## **Grant Review and Award Process**

### **Grant Application Review Process**

After the close of the application period, CalRecycle staff will review the applications for completeness and eligibility. Only complete applications will be considered for award.

In the event a cycle is oversubscribed, applications with illegal dumping sites(s) posing the greatest threat to public health and safety and/or public nuisance will be considered first. The Site Characterization Form primarily determines these factors.

Applications will be evaluated consistent with the Farm and Ranch Program 'Grant Criteria' described in California Code of Regulations, [Title 14, Division 7, Chapter 4.5, section 17993.5](https://casetext.com/regulation/california-code-of-regulations/title-14-natural-resources/division-7-department-of-resources-recycling-and-recovery/chapter-45-farm-and-ranch-solid-waste-cleanup-and-abatement-grant-program/article-4-grant-process/section-179935-grant-criteria) (<https://casetext.com/regulation/california-code-of-regulations/title-14-natural-resources/division-7-department-of-resources-recycling-and-recovery/chapter-45-farm-and-ranch-solid-waste-cleanup-and-abatement-grant-program/article-4-grant-process/section-179935-grant-criteria>).

For the fourth cycle (Cycle 90), if the requests for grant funds exceed the funds available, applications identifying specific sites and previously remediated sites will be considered before Pilot applications. This will allow all complete applications to be funded first. CalRecycle staff may contact applicants to provide clarity or request additional information.

### **Grant Award Process**

For qualifying applications, CalRecycle staff will develop funding recommendations for the consideration and approval of CalRecycle's Director, or their designee.

CalRecycle tentatively schedules this for:

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- October 2025 (Cycle 87)
- January 2026 (Cycle 88)
- April 2026 (Cycle 89)
- July 2026 (Cycle 90)

CalRecycle reserves the right to partially fund or fund individual phases of selected proposals, and CalRecycle may fund an amount less than requested.

CalRecycle reserves the right to not award any grant funds under one or more cycles.

## **Grant Award Conditions**

When awarded, this grant will be subject to two conditions:

1. The recommended grantee must pay all outstanding debts due to CalRecycle, or bring current outstanding payments owed to CalRecycle, within 60 days of the award email date.
2. The recommended grantee's Signature Authority (or their delegated signature authority) must sign and return the Grant Agreement to CalRecycle. CalRecycle must receive the signed Grant Agreement within 60 days of the date of the award email.

**Failure to comply with either condition will void the grant award.**

# **Grant Program Administration**

## **Grant Agreement**

The Grant Agreement binds the Grantee to CalRecycle's requirements as outlined in the Grant Agreement documents. CalRecycle will send the Grant Agreement Cover Sheet electronically to allow for a certified e-signature using Adobe Sign.

These documents shall guide the grantee's administration of the grant project.

Following CalRecycle's conditional approval of the grant awards, we will email grantees the information below.

- **Award email**
- **Grant Agreement Cover Sheet (CalRecycle 110)**
  - To be signed by the grantee (this is the Lead Participant in applications).
- **Exhibit A: Terms and Conditions**
  - Contain CalRecycle's standard legal requirements for grants.
- **Exhibit B: Procedures and Requirements**
  - Contain specific requirements for administering this grant, including but not limited to project, reporting, and audit requirements.
- **Exhibit C: Grantee's approved application with revisions, if any, and any amendments**
- **e-Signature Instructions for Awardees**
  - Contains instructions on how to sign the Grant Agreement Cover Sheet using Adobe Sign.

## **Reporting Process**

CalRecycle requires grantees to report on the progress of their grant with each payment request. The Procedures and Requirements document contains detailed reporting

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### **Payment Request Process**

CalRecycle will retain 10 percent of each approved Payment Request amount until the Grant Manager approves the Final Report, the final Payment Request, and all required supporting documentation. The Procedures and Requirements document contains detailed payment information.

**Resource Conservation Districts** may enroll in the “Invoiced Payment Method” which applies to all payment requests except the final Payment Request. Resource Conservation Districts can refer to the “Invoiced Payment Method” section in the Procedures and Requirements document for more information.