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Tire Incentive Program Application Guidelines and Instructions

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Grant Cycle Overview

The Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) offers the Tire Incentive Program (TIP) pursuant to Section 42872 of the Public Resources Code. The purpose of the grant is to expand commercial (business) demand for different and higher value tire-derived products (TDP, also referred to as “products”) by providing financial incentives to eligible manufacturers to more competitively price and market their TDPs, thereby increasing sales and market share.

This resource document provides applicants with instructions for accessing and completing 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 must sign in to GMS to complete and submit an application.

Note: The following terms used in this document are defined below, unless the context 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 completing the application on behalf of the Applicant.
- “Grantee” refers to an applicant after approval of the grant award.

Timeline

June 24, 2026: Questions and Answers Period Due Date

- Applicants or interested parties may submit questions from the application release date to this date.
- Applicants or interested parties must submit questions by email.

July 7, 2026 (tentative): Questions and Answers Posted

- CalRecycle will post the answers to questions submitted during the Questions and Answers Period on the CalRecycle website.

August 19, 2026: Application Due Date

- 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.

October 2026 (tentative): Grants Awarded

- If approved, CalRecycle considers funding recommendations and conditionally awards grants.

Notice to Proceed – April 1, 2029: **Grant Term**

For milestones during the grant term, refer to the Procedures and Requirements document.

Eligible Applicants

Private entities must be authorized to conduct business in the State of California, by either being registered and in good standing with the California Secretary of State as a business located in California, registered as a foreign (out-of-state or out-of-country) business, or in the process of obtaining a business license issued by a California city, county, or city and county. Any subsidiaries, divisions, or affiliated businesses are considered part of the primary business entity for the purpose of applying for and receiving a grant award under the program. The business must be qualified to do business in California and be in good standing with all applicable California state agencies. A business is considered an "affiliated business" if it has at least one owner with a forty (40) percent or greater interest in another applicant's business.

Nonprofit private entities in addition to being registered and in good standing with the California Secretary of State, must also be registered and in good standing with the California Department of Justice, and appear on their Registry of Charities and Fundraisers. If a nonprofit entity is excluded from registering with the Department of Justice, proof must be provided with the application.

Eligible applicants include:

- Manufacturers that produce (or will produce) an eligible product.
- Waste tire processors that also manufacture an eligible product.
- Manufacturers of devulcanized rubber.
- Rubber compounders.
- Manufacturers of calendered rubber sheeting products.
- Manufacturers that produce products on a contract basis for other companies provided they have that other company's written permission to produce an eligible product and receive the incentive.

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 grant's performance and all related documentation. In addition, the applicant will be the only entity receiving any real or personal property purchased with grant funds.

An eligible applicant must have been fully operational for at least three years. Startup businesses and individuals (without an otherwise eligible manufacturing business) with an idea for a new or improved product are not eligible.

An eligible applicant may have more than one open TIP grant. Products included in one TIP grant cannot be included in another open TIP grant. Products receiving an incentive may not receive any other CalRecycle incentive or grant (including a Tire-Derived Product grant).

An eligible applicant may produce and sell its own products or on a contract basis for other companies. Eligible applicants that produce and sell products on a contract basis for other companies must demonstrate that they have the other company's permission via the Client Authorization Letter (described in the Applicant Documents section) to receive the incentive.

Eligible applicants must be California-based or incorporated in another state (or country) with an existing manufacturing facility in California. The applicant must be qualified to do business in California and in good standing with all applicable California state agencies, including, but not limited to, the Secretary of State and the Franchise Tax Board, and have all appropriate licenses and permits. All subsidiaries, divisions, and/or affiliated businesses are considered part of the primary business entity for the purpose of applying for and receiving a grant award. A business is considered an “affiliated business” if it has at least one owner with a 20 percent or greater interest in another applicant business.

All crumb rubber used in any products by eligible applicants must be from only California-generated waste tires. If supply chain-related issues arise, the Grantee must contact the Grant Manager immediately to request a meeting. The Grant Manager will provide guidance as appropriate.

Eligible Projects/Products

Eligible products include:

- A new or existing product that has **not** benefited from the Tire-Derived Product Grant Program.
- An existing or new/improved product currently manufactured with virgin rubber, plastic or other material which will be produced with a minimum of five percent crumb rubber and may be co-extruded, injected, compounded, calendered or otherwise combined (also known as “feedstock conversion”). This includes compounded rubber and calendered sheet rubber as intermediate products.
- An existing or new/improved product currently manufactured with virgin rubber, plastic or other material which will be produced with a minimum of five percent devulcanized crumb rubber and may be co-extruded, injected, calendered or otherwise combined. This includes devulcanized crumb rubber as an intermediate product.
- An existing or new/improved product that will use fine (≤ 50) mesh crumb rubber. Particle size and particle size distribution are determined in accordance with American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) D5644 and D5603 and will be verified by CalRecycle or a CalRecycle contractor.

Critical elements that affect the eligible product category are:

- **New or existing TDPs** – The product is currently being produced or is reconfigured to serve a different purpose/market. However, the product does not require significant reformulation and formal testing/certification.
- **Feedstock conversion** – The product was previously produced with virgin (or natural) rubber and may be chemically or physically combined with another raw material **and** the product will require significant reformulation and, perhaps, formal testing/certification.
- **Devulcanized crumb rubber** – The product was previously crumb rubber that has undergone a non-thermal devulcanization process.
- **Fine mesh** – The product will use fine (≤ 50) mesh crumb rubber (that must be originally produced by a California waste tire processor).

With CalRecycle’s prior approval, a manufacturer may further reduce larger rubber material originally purchased from a California waste tire processor to produce their own fine (≤ 50) mesh for use in their TIP products or for sale to another applicant/grantee.

Documentation must be provided to CalRecycle confirming the original crumb material came from a California waste tire processor. The crumb rubber (≤ 50) mesh is subject to verification by CalRecycle or a CalRecycle contractor.

Eligible applicants that propose to produce and use ≤ 50 mesh material must have the material sampled and tested by CalRecycle staff to verify the particle size and distribution prior to being authorized by CalRecycle to incur reimbursable costs. Additional samples will be obtained by CalRecycle staff or a CalRecycle contractor at irregular intervals during the term of the grant. If the sampled material is not at least ≤ 50 mesh (consistent with ASTM D5644 and D5603 standards), reimbursement will be reduced to 10 cents per pound of crumb rubber used in sold products, rather than the 50 cents fine mesh rate. Grantees may request that additional material be tested at a future date to return to the 50-cent rate.

Applicants are encouraged to request funding for more than one product, including products manufactured for non-applicant businesses. Products developed with support from the previous Tire-Derived Product Business Assistance Program are eligible.

All products are subject to the following requirements:

- All crumb rubber must be from California-generated waste tires processed in California. This may include crumb rubber from truck tire buffings. Because of fluid market conditions and waste tire imports, CalRecycle considers crumb rubber from a California processor eligible for reimbursement even if a de minimis amount (not more than five percent) of the tires processed during a fiscal year at a facility were from non-California sources. Crumb rubber from tires processed outside California is not eligible.
- All crumb rubber used in any products manufactured by eligible applicants during the term of the grant shall be:
 - Originally from an eligible California waste tire processor (see fine mesh bullet listed above) or
 - Recycled post-consumer and/or post-industrial scrap rubber from which the rubber originated from an eligible California waste tire processor.
- If supply chain-related issues arise, the Grantee must contact the Grant Manager immediately to request a meeting. The Grant Manager will provide guidance as appropriate.

Examples of eligible products may include, but are not limited to:

- Devulcanized crumb rubber.
- Flooring underlayment.
- Rubberized flooring.
- Conveyer belts.
- Calendered or compounded rubber.
- Agricultural harvesting devices.
- Various landscaping and garden products.
- Various building products.
- Various traffic devices (i.e., traffic cones, delineators, spacers, tire stops and barricades).
- Fencing.

- Asphalt products that are not eligible under other CalRecycle programs. Asphalt products (i.e., crack seal, roofing products, etc.) must contain a minimum of five percent crumb rubber in the binder or flux, not necessarily the finished product.
- Rubberized sidewalks, pathways, and tree wells (if specifically designed for storm water management).
- Paints, sealants and coatings.
- End-of-life (EOL) material (crumb rubber, nuggets/mulch) being recycled or reused in a variety of eligible products. Source of EOL material must be located in California.
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) leveling and accessibility ramps, etc.

Ineligible products include, but are not limited to:

- Crumb rubber used by itself as an intermediate product (i.e., used as infill for a synthetic turf field) except as noted above.
- Tire-derived aggregate.
- Rubberized pavement or rubberized paving products (i.e., chip seal, slurry seal, etc.).
- Rubber nuggets/mulch/bark except as noted above.
- Rubberized sidewalks and tree wells (except as noted above).
- Loose-fill or poured-in-place playgrounds (except as noted above), and playground tiles.
- Poured-in-place playgrounds which use ground, shredded or chunk rubber from California-generated passenger tires (not truck tires or buffings) for the cushion layer; or crumb rubber to replace ethylene propylene diene monomer (EPDM) and thermoplastic vulcanizates (TPV) in the wear layer.
- Synthetic turf underlayment (not loose infill).
- Sports/running tracks.
- All weather sports field infill.
- Similar type products which have enjoyed significant benefit from the Tire-Derived Product Grant Program and its predecessors.

Available Funds

- \$3,000,000 is available for this grant cycle, fiscal year 2026-27, subject to funding availability.
- Applicants must request at least the minimum amount of \$25,000.
- Applicants may request up to a maximum amount of \$650,000.

Grant Term

The Grant Term begins on the date that CalRecycle sends the Notice to Proceed email. The Grant Term ends on April 1, 2029.

Refer to the Procedures and Requirements document for detailed information about requirements within the grant term.

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 before submitting their application and certify this fact on the Detail tab in the application. If applicants do not have an EPPP Policy before submitting their application, they must certify that a Policy will be adopted by the application 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 for 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/>).

Note: The EPPP Policy is an applicant's internal document. It is up to the discretion of the applicant regarding the format, CalRecycle does not provide a template. Do not upload the EPPP Policy to GMS.

Questions and Answers Process

Questions regarding the application and its requirements must be emailed to TireGrants@CalRecycle.ca.gov. CalRecycle must receive the questions by June 24, 2026 or the questions will not be accepted.

Applicants or interested parties may access the Questions and Answers web page from the Notice of Funds Available web page or from the application. CalRecycle may group similar or related questions by responding to them as one question, rewording questions for clarity, or removing identifying information from questions. CalRecycle may intermittently update the Questions and Answers web page during the Questions and Answers period and post all Questions and Answers approximately two weeks after the deadline. The posted Questions and Answers are subject to updates. It is the applicant's responsibility to check the Questions and Answers web page for the latest information.

Public Records Requests

CalRecycle's policy is to promptly make records requested by the public 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/>). If the application contains restricted documents, the restricted documents are excluded from disclosure.

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 is a question as to whether specific information is confidential, CalRecycle would contact the person(s) identified in the application to provide a justification and statement as to 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 TIP14: 2026-27 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 application's components 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 at 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 Tire Incentive Program.

Examples of disqualifications may include:

- The applicant does not meet the eligibility requirements
- Project is not eligible
- Applicant fails to use the required CalRecycle documents or forms
- Applicant uploads incomplete or blank documents to the Documents tab
- Signature Authority fails to sign the 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 application due date

Summary Tab

This tab summarizes 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 by the appropriate due date.

Applicant/Participant Tab

The applicant's 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 Letter of Commitment. 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 \$650,000.
 - a. 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**: Provide a concise description of the product(s), Incentive Category(ies), estimated amount or rubber to be used in each category, and amount requested.
6. Select the appropriate option for the Resolution or Letter of Commitment Requirement 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.

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 at 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 to route the Grant Agreement if it is 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, or Letter of Commitment (if applicable).
- **Secondary Contact.** A person authorized (by the Primary Contact, 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.)

Budget Tab

Select the applicable budget category and enter a dollar amount and budget detail information as listed below. The total must equal the Grant Funds Requested amount shown on the Detail tab.

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

Site(s) Tab

Add an entry for each manufacturing location.

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.” Documents submitted may be in .pdf, .docx, .xlsx, .jpg, or .gif format.

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

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.

Application Submittal and Deadline

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

Click the **Submit Application** button, and the application status will change to **Application Submitted**. You can only submit the application once.

You must submit your application by 11:59 p.m. on August 19, 2026. Customer Service will be available until 4:00 p.m. on the application due date. The applicant may email grantassistance@calrecycle.ca.gov or call (916) 324-4481; however, there is no guarantee CalRecycle can provide support if there is an influx of inquiries.

Note: Applications 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. California Waste Tire Processor Letter
3. Client Authorization Letter
4. Federal Tax Return
5. General Checklist of Business Permits, Licenses and Filings (CalRecycle 669)
6. Letter of Commitment
7. Narrative Proposal
8. Sales and Calculations

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 have trouble with a document, email grantassistance@calrecycle.ca.gov or call (916) 324-4481.

Altered or reproduced CalRecycle documents or templates may automatically disqualify your application. **Do not** alter CalRecycle documents unless they specify that they may be reproduced.

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 cannot click "Print Application Certification" until you have completed each application tab **and** uploaded all required documents.
2. Signature Authority signs the Application Certification using a certified e-signature or original wet signature.
3. Upload the signed Application Certification to the Documents tab.

General Checklist of Business Permits, Licenses and Filings (CalRecycle 669)

This is a **required** application document to certify compliance, under penalty of perjury, with all required permits, licenses, and filings, both during the application process, and during the grant term and funding process.

Narrative Proposal

The Narrative Proposal is a **required** application document used to describe the general scope of your proposed product(s). For this cycle, applicants must provide a

description of how “Community Benefit – Job Creation/Training” will be addressed throughout the grant term. Please keep in mind that responses are public information and may be obtained through a public records request. Utilizing a document form other than the official CalRecycle version, or tampering with the CalRecycle version will subject the applicant to disqualification.

Sales and Calculations

The Sales and Calculations is a **required** application document used to provide more detail about sales and calculation information for the proposed product(s). Utilizing a document form other than the official CalRecycle version, tampering with the CalRecycle version or otherwise circumventing imposed character limits may subject the applicant to disqualification. If problematic, applicants may request Grant Manager approval to use an alternative format for certain items (such as customer information). For your convenience, **Sales and Calculation Example** spreadsheets are on the **Summary** tab in the **Resource Documents** section.

This information will be considered confidential and a “trade secret” consistent with Public Resources Code 40062. Access will be restricted to the applicant and limited authorized CalRecycle staff. When this document is uploaded to GMS and the document type is selected, additional securities that restrict access to view this document will be automatically in place.

Applicant’s Documents

Below is a list of documents 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 the Audit Considerations Section of the Procedures and Requirements for more information.

- **California Waste Tire Processor Letter**

Applicants must upload a letter from the California waste tire processor certifying that only California-generated waste tires were used to produce the crumb rubber. Additionally, the processor agrees to allow CalRecycle or any other appropriate state entity to review its records to verify the use of California-generated waste tires.

CalRecycle requires that all crumb rubber must be from California-generated waste tires processed in California. This may include crumb rubber from truck tire buffings. Because of fluid market conditions and waste tire imports, CalRecycle considers crumb rubber from a California processor eligible for reimbursement even if a de minimis amount (not more than five percent) of the tires processed during a fiscal year at a facility were from non-California sources. Crumb rubber from tires processed outside California are not eligible.

The letter is for example purposes only. Please consult with your attorney to determine the language most appropriate for the certification.

- **Client Authorization Letter**

If the applicant produces an eligible product on behalf of another entity, the applicant is required to upload a Client Authorization letter. The letter authorizes the applicant

to produce their product(s), or in the case of a compounder or rubber calendering company, to manufacture an intermediate product, and receive any applicable TIP funds. **The letter(s) must be on the client's official letterhead, dated within 12 months prior to the application deadline, and uploaded by the applicant.** The applicant must maintain the letter(s) with the original signature.

- **Federal Tax Return**

Applicants must provide information for the two most recent completed tax years (**the first two pages of the tax return, tax return financial statement, and expense detail sheets or schedule C for a sole proprietorship**). If a tax extension is provided for the current tax return, the applicant **must** provide documentation of the extension **and** the last two completed tax years. Additionally, the applicant must provide filed tax documentation to CalRecycle by the end of the extension date. CalRecycle may request additional information if necessary to determine applicant eligibility.

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 that the applicant writes. 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. Below are the requirements for each authorizing document. Read each one carefully to determine which document(s) fit your application and applicant type.

Note: For Resolution, Letter of Commitment, Letter of Authorization, and Letter of Designation 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 can answer questions about these documents or review your draft authorization documents to ensure they meet the grant program's requirements. You may email your draft authorization documents to grantassistance@calrecycle.ca.gov.

Individual Application Authorization Documents

If not subject to a governing body or board approval is not required to legally bind the applicant, applicants must submit a Letter of Commitment (LOC). Publicly-held businesses or private for-profit companies may submit an LOC even if they are subject to a governing body, under the condition that the signatory is an individual authorized to contractually bind the applicant for the conditions of the grant award. The LOC is due by the application due date, or CalRecycle will deem the application incomplete and disqualify the applicant.

The LOC must:

1. Be on Applicant's letterhead.
2. Authorize submittal of the application for the specific Grant Program and Cycle Code.
3. 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 Letter may also include language authorizing the Signature Authorities to delegate authority to additional job titles.

4. Be valid for the duration of the specified Grant Cycle.
5. Be signed and dated by an individual authorized to contractually bind the applicant.

Letter of Designation

CalRecycle requires a Letter of Designation (LOD) only when the Signature Authority identified in the approved Letter of Commitment delegates their signature authority to another person. The applicant must upload the LOD **before** the designee exercises 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 Letter of Commitment.
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 Letter of Commitment. For example, if the Letter of Commitment is effective until December 31, 2026, the Letter of Designation may not be effective beyond December 31, 2026.

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 Signature Authority's first and last name, be in the Adobe Digital ID format (or through another certified digital signature program), and cannot be completed using Adobe's "Fill and Sign" function. Any document using the "Fill and Sign" function is considered incomplete and will be returned to the applicant.

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

If you have questions, email grantassistance@calrecycle.ca.gov.

Grant Review and Award Process

Grant Application Review Process

After the application period closes, CalRecycle staff will review the applications for

completeness and eligibility. Only complete applications will be considered for award. Each product will be evaluated for eligibility separately.

If there are more requests than available funds (i.e., the program is oversubscribed), funds will be allocated by the order listed below:

1. Applicants requesting a subsequent award for a product that received an incentive in a previously closed TIP grant.
2. Other available monies will be allocated in approximately equal amounts for each of the three categories, which are: TDPs, feedstock conversion, and fine (≤ 50) mesh according to the greatest amount of crumb rubber projected to be used. If an application has products in more than one category, the amount of crumb rubber for the higher reimbursement amount product category will be considered for ranking purposes.
3. Applicants/grantees that used less than 50 percent of a prior TIP award will only be considered after all other eligible applicants.

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 October 2026. 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 not to award 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, CalRecycle will email the following information to grantees:

- **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.
- **Attachment I: Forms Guide**
 - See CalRecycle's [Application and Grant Management Tools webpage](https://calrecycle.ca.gov/funding/tools/) (<https://calrecycle.ca.gov/funding/tools/>) to download the Grant forms.

Reporting Process

CalRecycle requires grantees to report on the progress of their grant on a quarterly basis. The Procedures and Requirements document contains detailed reporting information and deadlines.

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.