

Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District

2019 Waste Reduction Innovation Grant Selection Summary

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Background

The Waste Reduction Innovation Grant assists communities, schools, non-profits and for-profit organizations with innovative waste reduction and recycling programs that significantly reduce waste in Hamilton County, Ohio. A total of \$76,955.63 is available for this grant.

Criteria for Funding

The Grant Review Committee, made up of Department of Environmental Services' staff, evaluated each grant proposal based on the following criteria:

- Focus on waste reduction, reuse, and/or recycling
- Cost-effectively diverts a significant amount of waste and/or reaches a significant number of people
- Shows plans for sustainable funding in the future
- Proposal demonstrates ability to complete project objectives
- Proposal is complete and easy to understand
- Proposal includes detailed information on all items/services listed in budget
- If organization received funds in the past, grant administration was positive

Grant Proposals Selected for Funding

Applicant: Glendale Elementary School/Princeton City Schools
Project Title: Water Bottle Refill Station
Grant Amount: \$1,530.22
Matching Funds Promised: \$1,026.74
Estimated Waste Diverted: 720+ Pounds/Year
Estimated People Reached: 345
Project Summary: Project replaces the school's water fountain with a water bottle refilling station and provides students with reusable water bottles.

Applicant: The Better Bin Compost Company
Project Title: Curbside Compost Collection Service
Grant Amount: \$1,551.21
Matching Funds Promised: \$637.54
Estimated Waste Diverted: 11.85 Tons/Year
Estimated People Reached: 60 Families
Project Summary: Project expands The Better Bin Compost Company's residential curbside compost collection service by purchasing 120 compost collection buckets with lids, educational materials, a drying rack for cleaned buckets, compost collection bags, and Facebook ads to advertise service.

Applicant: The Boston Beer Company Samuel Adams Cincinnati Brewery
Project Title: Shrink-wrap Landfill Diversion Program – Baler Acquisition Project
Grant Amount: \$8,482.43
Matching Funds Promised: \$2,827.47
Estimated Waste Diverted: 18+ Tons/Year
Estimated People Reached: N/A
Project Summary: Project purchases and installs a shrink-wrap baler to facilitate recycling.

Applicant: The Healing Center Cincinnati
Project Title: Cardboard Baler: Waste Reduction
Grant Amount: \$7,650.00
Matching Funds Promised: \$2,050.00
Estimated Waste Diverted: 20.4 Tons/Year
Estimated People Reached: N/A
Project Summary: Project purchases and installs a cardboard baler to facilitate recycling.

Applicant: Yavneh Day School DBA Rockwern Academy
Project Title: Reducing Rockwern's Impact on the Waste Stream
Grant Amount: \$10,000.00
Matching Funds Promised: \$2,500.00
Estimated Waste Diverted: 1.23 Tons/Year
Estimated People Reached: 1,650
Project Summary: Project replaces school's water fountains with water bottle refilling stations; provides signage to educate school community about impact of single-use plastic water bottles; purchases reusable cups, metal utensils, and magnetic flatware retriever lids for trash cans to prevent accidental disposal of metal utensils.