

**Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District**  
**2019 Waste Reduction Innovation Grant Selection Summary**  
**9-11-19 to 11-15-19 Update**

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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**

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**Applicant:** Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center  
**Project Title:** Cincinnati Children's Food Rescue Program – A Prescription for Child Health  
**Grant Amount:** \$9,760.00  
**Matching Funds Promised:** \$2,242.21  
**Estimated Waste Diverted:** 11.5 Tons/Year  
**Estimated People Reached:** 104,754 meals  
**Project Summary:** Project provides a blast chiller to quickly freeze surplus prepared food for donation.

**Applicant:** Gorman Heritage Farm  
**Project Title:** GHF Recycles!  
**Grant Amount:** \$2,037.87  
**Matching Funds Promised:** \$679.22  
**Estimated Waste Diverted:** 7.5 Tons/Year  
**Estimated People Reached:** 22,000  
**Project Summary:** Project provides portable recycling containers for farm events.

**Applicant:** Lincoln Heights 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:** Loveland Sustainability Council and the City of Loveland  
**Project Title:** Easy, Efficient Recycling  
**Grant Amount:** \$1,072.77  
**Matching Funds Promised:** \$350.00  
**Estimated Waste Diverted:** 5.2 Tons/Year  
**Estimated People Reached:** 4 Businesses  
**Project Summary:** Project provides box carts for downtown businesses that don't have room for a recycling dumpster to transport cardboard to public recycling dumpster.

**Applicant:** Mercer Elementary School  
**Project Title:** YELLOW + BLUE = GREEN  
**Grant Amount:** \$2,485.48  
**Matching Funds Promised:** \$828.50  
**Estimated Waste Diverted:** 8.65 Tons/Year  
**Estimated People Reached:** 970/Day  
**Project Summary:** Project provides condiment pump station to replace individual condiment packets, and waste sorting station to efficiently separate food scraps that will be composted at neighboring Anderson Urban Farm.

**Applicant:** Price Hill Will  
**Project Title:** The BeeAttitude Community Garden Community Composting Project  
**Grant Amount:** \$2,017.84  
**Matching Funds Promised:** \$758.76  
**Estimated Waste Diverted:** 1,780 Pounds/Year  
**Estimated People Reached:** 20-30 Households  
**Project Summary:** Project provides funds to build 8 compost bins, food scrap collection buckets, and educational signage for community compost site.

**Applicant:** Roger Bacon High School  
**Project Title:** Campus Conservation Corps (C.C.C.)  
**Grant Amount:** \$10,000.00  
**Matching Funds Promised:** \$14,020.00  
**Estimated Waste Diverted:** 1,080 Pounds/Year (36,000 water bottles)  
**Estimated People Reached:** 600/Day  
**Project Summary:** Project replaces the school's water fountain with a water bottle refilling station.

**Applicant:** Wyoming City School District  
**Project Title:** Wyoming City Schools Event Recycling  
**Grant Amount:** \$591.75  
**Matching Funds Promised:** \$197.25  
**Estimated Waste Diverted:** 675 Pounds/Year  
**Estimated People Reached:** 10,500  
**Project Summary:** Project provides portable recycling containers for school events.

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### Grant Proposals Not Selected for Funding

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**Applicant:** Queen City Kitchen  
**Project Title:** Help create safe, secure and sanitary storage for rescued food  
**Grant Amount:** \$7,579.00  
**Matching Funds Promised:** \$2,500.00  
**Estimated Waste Diverted:** 1,600 Pounds/Year  
**Estimated People Reached:** No estimate given  
**Project Summary:** Proposal replaces malfunctioning refrigerator and freezer with new, more reliable, equipment.  
**Reason for Not Funding:** Not enough information provided on items listed in budget and would not offer any new waste diversion.

**Applicant:** Wyoming, Ohio  
**Project Title:** Wyoming Community Water Bottle Filling Stations  
**Grant Amount:** \$10,000.00  
**Matching Funds Promised:** \$6,280.00  
**Estimated Waste Diverted:** 64 Pounds/Year  
**Estimated People Reached:** No estimate given  
**Project Summary:** Proposal replaces existing park water fountains with fountains that include a water bottle filling station and dog bowls.  
**Reason for Not Funding:** The cost per pound of waste diverted too high.