

# Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District

## 2020 Waste Reduction Innovation Grant Selection Summary

1-1-20 thru 5-20-20 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 \$80,000 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:** Churches Active In Northside (CAIN)  
**Project Title:** Rainbow Choice Pantry Cooler  
**Grant Amount:** \$10,000  
**Matching Funds Promised:** \$2,500  
**Estimated Waste Diverted:** 14+ Tons  
**Estimated People Reached:** 2,300  
**Project Summary:** Project purchases and installs a combination cooler and freezer to better store donated produce at their food pantry.

**Applicant:** Tikkun Farm  
**Project Title:** Transforming Trash  
**Grant Amount:** \$8,539  
**Matching Funds Promised:** \$2,846  
**Estimated Waste Diverted:** 42.5 Tons  
**Estimated People Reached:** 5,600  
**Project Summary:** Project purchases and installs a refrigerator and freezer to better store donated produce at their food pantry, a vermicomposting system to compost community food scraps and reusable tableware to replace disposable tableware used during programs and events.

**Applicant:** Walnut Hills Redevelopment Foundation  
**Project Title:** Full Circle Composting  
**Grant Amount:** \$9,434  
**Matching Funds Promised:** \$4,087  
**Estimated Waste Diverted:** 15 Tons  
**Estimated People Reached:** 160  
**Project Summary:** Project purchases materials to build community compost bins and provides one-time funds for a "Compost Worker" and "Compost Coordinator" to get the project started.