

Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District

2020 Waste Reduction Innovation Grant Selection Summary

5-21-20 thru 7-15-20 Update

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. \$80,000 was originally budgeted and then an additional \$70,000 was added for a total of \$150,000 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:	Sidestreams Foundation
Project Title:	Grubs to Grub
Grant Amount:	\$10,000
Matching Funds Promised:	\$8,500
Estimated Waste Diverted:	10-25 Tons
Estimated People Reached:	50
Project Summary:	Project purchases supplies to farm black soldier fly larva and red wiggler worms to eat food scraps.

Applicant:	Corporation for Findlay Market
Project Title:	Sustainability Initiatives at Findlay Market
Grant Amount:	\$8,212.08
Matching Funds Promised:	\$2,787.56
Estimated Waste Diverted:	50 Tons
Estimated People Reached:	18,000,000
Project Summary:	Project purchases and installs two water bottle refill stations, reusable water bottles, and reusable shopping bags for online orders.