

Composting and Food Waste Reduction (CFWR) Pilot Project

PCFO IGAP Grant Snapshot

May 15, 2023

<u>Agency:</u> US Department of Agriculture	<u>Bureau:</u> Natural Resources Conservation Service
<u>Application Deadline:</u> June 15, 2023	<u>Max Award:</u> \$400,000

Description

The Composting and Food Waste Reduction (CFWR) program aims to develop and test strategies for planning and implementing municipal compost plans and food waste reduction plans. Proposed projects can be located in all community types including rural, urban and suburban.

Eligible Recipients

- City or township governments (or other municipal governments)
- County governments
- School districts (including independent school districts)
- State-designated Indian Tribes
- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
- Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)
- Special district governments (e.g., soil and water conservation districts)

Matching Grant Requirements

25% matching grant required

Eligible Projects

The CFWR program will fund projects to carry out food waste reduction and composting objectives. Applicants must address at least one of the following objectives and applicants who address multiple objectives will be more competitive.

- Food Waste Reduction Objectives
 - Reduce municipal food and waste
 - Divert residential and commercial food waste from landfills
- Composting and Conservation Objectives
 - Generate compost
 - Increase access to compost for agricultural producers
 - Reduce reliance on, and limit the use of, fertilizer
 - Improve soil quality
 - Encourage waste management and permaculture business development
 - Increase rainwater absorption

New or Existing Program Existing

Examples of Prior Award Recipients In 2022, the City of Traverse City, MI was awarded funding for a project titled “Piloting Municipal Food Waste Collection and Composting in Traverse City, Michigan.” The project will firmly establish a sustaining regional example of effective food waste diversion and compost production through a pilot project working within Traverse City’s Department of Public Services.

Tips for Being Competitive Priority will be given for each of the following elements that are included in a project:

- Align project proposals to address priorities on environmental justice, racial equity, climate change, investment in historically underserved communities, and sustainable agricultural practices
- Integrate food waste reduction strategies that take into consideration the most preferred activities as described in the [EPA Food Recovery Hierarchy](#) starting with the preferred source reduction, feeding hungry people, feeding animals, industrial uses, and composting
- Anticipate or demonstrate economic benefits for the impacted community
- Incorporate plans to make compost easily accessible to agricultural producers, including community gardeners, school gardens, and producers
- Include a robust plan that describes collaboration with multiple partners
- Provide a detailed plan for project monitoring, evaluation and documentation of insights and solutions to obstacles encountered during the course of the project

Labor Requirements Not stated

Partners Required Though partners are not explicitly required, preference will be given to projects with a robust plan that describes collaboration with multiple partners. Where possible, project collaborators should represent a variety of disciplines and experiences directly related to the deliverables proposed and complementary to the qualifications of the core project team. Collaboration with partner institutions is considered instrumental to the success of a CFWR project.

Agency Contact Email: Melanie.Krizmanich@usda.gov with a copy to FPAC.BC.GAD@USDA.GOV

Upcoming Webinars A pre-recorded webinar is available here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c_e8mcCoFsg.

Total Allocation \$9.5 million

Anticipated Award Date August 31, 2023

Resources

- [Grant Opportunity - Grants.gov](#)
- [CFWR Program Page - USDA](#)