**SMM Grant Program RFA**

**Phase 1 Expression of Interest Form**

During the June 2021 special legislative session, the Legislature set aside funds through Public Acts, Spec. Sess., June 2021, No. 21-02, § 308, to establish a grant program to aid municipalities in their sustainable materials management efforts in reducing waste generation and increasing diversion. Connecticut municipalities and regions that wish to apply for grant funds through the Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) Grant program are encouraged to review the entire Sustainable Materials Management Grant Program Request for Applications (RFA) found on the [DEEP Municipal and Regional Grant webpage](https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Reduce-Reuse-Recycle/Municipal-Recycling-Resource-Center/Municipal-and-Regional-Grants-and-Technical-Assistance) before submitting this form.

**Please submit this form by emailing it as an attachment to** **DEEP.RecyclingProgram@ct.gov** **by October 29, 2021 11:59 PM EST**.

Please see the SMM Grant Program RFA, Section 3.1 for the Expression of Interest review criteria.

On or before November 16, 2021, selected applicants will be invited to meet with DEEP's technical assistance contractor and DEEP staff and subsequently submit their Phase 2 application.

Selected programs shall be designed to significantly reduce MSW disposal by supporting the initiation and/or scale-up of Unit-Based Pricing and food scrap diversion efforts. Proposals must include long-term implementation strategies for sustained waste reduction and increased diversion.

If you have questions about this form, please contact DEEP.RecyclingProgram@ct.gov by October 5, 2021.

Please read all instructions in their entirety and answer each question completely.

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| 1. | Municipality or Region: | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| 2. | Contact Name: | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Title: | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Address: | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Phone Number: | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| E-mail: | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| 3. | Are you applying with other municipalities? If yes, please indicate the municipalities and contact information for the co-applicants including name(s), title(s), and email(s). |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |

The table will expand to fit your responses.

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| 4. | Please briefly describe your project and goals. Include whether the program will be implemented on a pilot or permanent basis, your partners to implement proposed program, details on the how the grant will assist you in establishing a scaled-up, economically self-sustaining program over time, and what level of funding is requested for your proposal. *(1000 words max)*Click or tap here to enter text. |
| 5. | Have you previously worked with CT DEEP's technical assistance consultant, Waste Zero (Kristen Brown), to understand how Unit-Based Pricing would work for your municipality? *(yes, no, unsure)*Click or tap here to enter text. |
| 6. | What current residential collection-system(s) are used in your municipality? (*Please check all boxes that apply*) |
|  | Municipal Collection (town/ city fleet) |[ ]
|  | Municipal Contracted Services |[ ]
|  | Municipal or Private Transfer Station (self-haul) |[ ]
|  | Private Subscription Collection and Hauling |[ ]
| 7.  | If you are selected to move to Phase 2 of the SMM grant process, the municipal CEO, Director of Finance (or designee), and Director of Public Works will all be expected to attend a meeting with DEEP’s technical assistance contractor and DEEP staff. *(Please check the box to indicate you accept)* [ ]  Yes, I understand and will make the best effort for all three representatives to be present  |