



# MATERIALS MANAGEMENT INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM

## INFORMATION SESSION

# WHY FOCUS ON INFRASTRUCTURE?



- CT disposes 2.2 million tons per year of municipal solid waste (MSW)
- In-state disposal capacity decreased significantly with closure of the MIRA South Meadows WTE facility in Hartford
- Export 860,000 tons per year out of state, primarily to landfills
- Limited disposal options remain, existing facilities aging
- Disposal costs increasing

# PURPOSE AND GOALS OF THE MMI GRANT PROGRAM



- DEEP is seeking to fund innovative and impactful solid waste management infrastructure projects.
- Advance facility and infrastructure projects that will assist municipalities and regions, as well as the State as a whole, in reducing MSW disposal costs and increasing in-state self-sufficiency in waste management.
- Develop additional infrastructure assets that conform to the State's waste management preferred methods hierarchy.

# CRITICAL MMI GRANT INFORMATION



- \$15 million in grant funds available
- Deadline for RFA questions: Oct. 18th
- Deadline for application submissions: Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>
- Applications to be submitted via email to [DEEP.MMCAPlanning@ct.gov](mailto:DEEP.MMCAPlanning@ct.gov)
- Grant funds awarded on rolling basis, no later than Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- No set minimum or maximum grant amount

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# **GRANT APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

# GENERAL APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS



- Project description and clear responses to all elements of the RFA
- Identification of lead entity who will be responsible for grant execution and compliance
- Identification of site and discussion of level of site control
- Funding level requested, along with identification of any other funding sources being utilized
- Project development timeline/schedule
- Additional supporting documentation, such as letters of support from stakeholders or letters of commitment from project development/funding partners

# ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS AND PROJECTS

## Applicants

- One or more municipalities
- Councils of Government (COGs)
- Regional waste authorities (RWAs)
- Resource recovery agencies (RRAs)

## Projects

- Capital improvements, such as the construction of a new facility or expansion of an existing facility
- Site acquisition for a new or expanded facility
- Sorting, separation, recycling, and de-packaging equipment



# ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS AND PROJECTS, CONT'D

## Sample Projects

- Purchase and installation of in-vessel composting equipment
- Construction of an aerobic static pile composting facility to serve three adjoining municipalities
- Development of a food scrap/organics sorting facility inclusive of de-packaging equipment
- Construction of a construction & demolition (C&D) waste sorting facility for a regional waste authority
- Construction of a co-collection sorting facility for a regional UBP/food scraps diversion program





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# **EVALUATION & AWARDS**

# PREFERENCES IN PROJECTS

- Projects that involve multiple municipalities and/or are regional in design and proposed implementation
- Projects that are focused on diverting waste from simple disposal to environmentally and economically beneficial reuse
- Projects that would maximize tonnage diverted or recycled per grant dollar expended
- Projects that focus on food scrap separation and diversion
- Projects that include a Unit-Based Pricing (UBP) component
- Projects that advance environmental justice goals and/or ameliorate past issues



# QUALITATIVE EVALUATION CRITERIA



- Eligibility
- Thoroughness of proposal
- Community & stakeholder support
- Determination of “shovel ready” status
- Extensiveness of permitting needed
- Financial and operational feasibility
- Consistency with established State solid waste management policies
- Size of potential market served

# CRITERIA WEIGHTING

- Evaluation criteria divided into three tranches
- Each tranche based off of 100 points
- Points earned in each tranche then

<b>Review Criteria</b>	<b>Weighted Percentage</b>
Criteria 1 – 3	25%
Criteria 4 – 8	60%
Criteria 9-10	15%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>

multiplied by the associated weighted percentage to generate raw scores

- Raw scores then summed to generate final application score
- **Greatest emphasis placed on Criteria 4 through 8**
  - 4. Consistency with the CCSMM Menu of Options, the CMMS, and the State’s established integrated hierarchy of waste management methodologies
  - 5. Level of indicated support from key stakeholders
  - 6. Estimated number of residents served by the proposed facility or infrastructure, and whether the proposal is a component of regional approaches to waste management
  - 7. Financial feasibility and long-term sustainability of the proposal components
  - 8. Overall potential impact of the proposal on waste reduction and diversion

# MINIMUM SCORING THRESHOLD FOR CONSIDERATION AND DETERMINATION OF AWARDS

- Total weighted score based on 100 points
- Applications must achieve a minimum score of 70 points to be considered for funding
- Applications which are determined to consist of ineligible components or are submitted by ineligible applicants will not be scored
- Funding awards for successful applications will be based upon size of financial request, availability of grant funds, and department evaluation and assessment of application components



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**NEXT STEPS**

# NEXT STEPS

- MMI Grant Program updates will be posted to the DEEP website on the MMI Grant Program page and the Municipal and Regional Grants and Technical Assistance page
- Posting of consolidated responses to submitted questions
- Program updates posted on website and sent out via email on as-needed basis
- Acceptance and evaluation of applications on a rolling basis

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