



## Funding Opportunity for Craft Beverage Manufacturers in Connecticut for Projects that Prevent Pollution

To promote the environmental performance of craft beverage manufacturers, the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) is announcing a funding opportunity to pay for equipment and supplies that prevent pollution. The funding opportunity is supported by a grant by the Environmental Protection Agency.

**Purpose of the Funding:** The funding will help craft beverage manufacturers implement source reduction practices that reduce CO<sub>2</sub> and GHG emissions, avoid air and wastewater pollutants, eliminate or reduce toxic chemical use, and decrease solid waste. Source reduction practices include improvements in facility operations and maintenance. This funding can only be used for new projects; previously purchased equipment is not eligible.

**Amount of Funding Available:** DEEP can fund a handful of small projects. Funding requests should be between \$3000 - \$5,000. 75% of the award will be disbursed when a contract is executed. The remaining 25% of the funds will be awarded upon completion of deliverables.

### Examples of Eligible Activities (projects/equipment):

- CO<sub>2</sub> capture equipment
- Sensors to purge tanks that conserve CO<sub>2</sub> (ex. Brew Ops technology)
- Spunding valves
- Various types of flow meters
- Using less toxic cleaners and sanitizers including alternatives to chemicals, such as ozone generators or other technologies ([free assistance is available from DEEP in conjunction with the Toxic Use Reduction Institute](#)).
- Product waste monitoring system (ex. BarTrack)
- Pipe insulation, evaporation controls, programmable thermostats, occupancy sensors
- Ionized air rinsing system
- Reusable pallet wraps, alternatives to plastic packaging products
- Side-streaming (ex. hauling to digester, compost facility)
- Projects that Increase use of locally sourced raw materials
- Projects that use renewable energy
- Bottle reuse system/equipment including label removal machine
- Temperature driven water valve (ex Danfoss)
- Grape juice floatation device (ex: Della Toffola)

### Deliverables:

- Provide DEEP with detailed information on steps taken to implement project and environmental and cost benefits. The available data should include energy, water, pollution, and waste reduced as a direct result of equipment purchased with this funding. DEEP will provide a reporting template.
- Willingness to share lessons learned with other similar businesses and be featured in a DEEP prepared case study.
- Participate in the [BetterBev](#) program, a free technical assistance program that helps craft beverage producers identify cost-saving facility improvements. See [Program Details](#) and submit

the [Brewery](#) or [Winery](#) Environmental Checklist. DEEP pollution prevention staff can assist with identifying actions.

**Timeframe:**

- Applications will be accepted on a rolling-basis.
- All projects must meet the project criteria and be completed before 6/1/27.
- Deadline to apply is October 2026 to allow adequate time for the contracting process, project implementation, and reporting on results.

**How to Apply:**

- [Submit an application](#) to DEEP via email. Include vendor quote or other cost documentation.
- Approved projects will require the applicant to register as a vendor with CT Department of Administrative Services by submitting an [Vendor Profile form](#) and a [W-9](#); Certificate of Insurance is also required. The applicant will enter into a contract with DEEP that includes an agreed upon Scope of Work, Timeline, and Deliverables.

**Other Information:**

- Applicants must be in compliance with all federal, state and local environmental regulations and have all required permits.
- If you are not already participating in the BetterBev program, you'll need to fill out an Environmental Checklist before the funding can be awarded.
- Funding can only be used for equipment that has not previously been purchased, it is for new projects only.
- Applicants must be able to provide measurable results, beginning with baseline numbers prior to the installation of the equipment. Reduction estimates can be based on product manufacturer specifications, utility bills, Brewers Association benchmarking spreadsheet, and other measures (e.g., reduced vehicle miles traveled, gallons of less toxic products purchased, etc.).

**Questions:**

Contact [connie.mendolia@ct.gov](mailto:connie.mendolia@ct.gov) or [deep.pollutionprevention@ct.gov](mailto:deep.pollutionprevention@ct.gov) or Phone - 860-424-3243



**APPLICATION – CT Department Of Energy & Environmental  
Protection Funding for Sustainable Craft Beverage Projects**  
Please [download Word document HERE](#) and email completed application to:  
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<b>BUSINESS NAME:</b>		<b>DATE APPLICATION SUBMITTED:</b>	
<b>PHYSICAL ADDRESS:</b>		<b>MAILING ADDRESS:</b>	
<b>CITY:</b>	<b>ZIP:</b>	<b>CITY:</b>	<b>ZIP:</b>
<b>CONTACT NAME:</b>		<b>EMAIL:</b>	
<b>CONTACT TITLE:</b>		<b>CONTACT PHONE:</b>	
<b>WEBSITE:</b>		<b>ESTIMATED PRODUCTION DATA (BARRELS/YEAR):</b>	

**BUSINESS TYPE: PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY**

BREWERY     WINERY     DISTILLERY - **SPECIFY SPIRIT(S) PRODUCED:**  
 CIDER         MEAD         HARD SELTZER     OTHER - **SPECIFY PRODUCT:**

**LOCATION IS:**  OWNED     RENTED

**LOCATION HAS:**     PUBLIC RESTROOM(S)     PUB / TASTING /TAP ROOM     KITCHEN(S) /FOOD PREP AREA  
 RESTAURANT     EVENT CENTER     LODGING/GUEST ROOMS     FARM     OTHER:

SEPTIC SYSTEM     MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT     ON-SITE ALTERNATIVE WASTEWATER TREATMENT

<b>AMOUNT OF FUNDING REQUESTED:</b>	<b>ELECTRICITY PROVIDER:</b>
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**LIST EQUIPMENT THAT WILL BE PURCHASED WITH THIS FUNDING, COST OF ITEM/INSTALLATION, AND VENDOR:**

**DESCRIBE HOW THIS EQUIPMENT WILL REDUCE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:**

**PROVIDE A BRIEF SCOPE OF WORK and TIMELINE:**

**HOW WILL YOU MEASURE REDUCTIONS / BENEFITS?**

**DELIVERABLES WILL INCLUDE ITEMS BELOW AND MUST BE COMPLETED BY JUNE 1, 2025:**

- Report to CT DEEP on steps taken to implement project, benefits, data on energy, water, pollution, and waste reduced as a direct result of equipment purchased with this funding. DEEP will provide reporting form.
- Willingness to share lessons learned with other similar businesses and be featured in a DEEP prepared case study.
- Submit a completed [Environmental Best Practices Checklist](#) for the [BetterBev program](#) and schedule a site visit if you are not already participating in the program. DEEP staff can provide assistance with implementing actions.
- We agree with the deliverables listed above and are in compliance with all federal, state and local environmental regulations, and hold all necessary permits. Please disclose any previous compliance issues and initial here.