



Redemption Centers
of America

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TO: CT Department of Energy & Environmental Protection

FROM: Redemption Centers of America

RE: DEEP Beverage Container Recycling Grant Program

See below for comments to the questions posed regarding creation of the Beverage Container Recycling Grant Program.

1. Information request: Information should be requested to ensure that applicants are legitimate entities intending to open a redemption center. Information should include, but not be limited to: Articles of Organization, Certificate of Legal Existence, Tax ID Numbers, and an executed lease. Any recipient entity should be required to be a CT based entity.
2. Factors to evaluate: DEEP should request a description of the operating team and relevant experience, a description of the facility collection system (RVM vs. Manual), etc.
3. Siting Criteria: New facilities should not locate within 10 miles of an existing facility.
4. Performance reporting: Yes, DEEP should require performance reporting for the first full year of operation.
5. Minimums: No, DEEP should not require minimums for the initial grant.
6. Additional funding: Yes, DEEP should consider additional funding so long as the requesting entity has performed to a minimum processing capacity.
7. Other: System operators such as RVM manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers, should not be allowed to receive a grant.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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