

# Sustainable Materials Management Grant Program

## Info Session

September 28, 2021

# SMM Grant Program

## Agenda & Housekeeping

### **Agenda:**

- Welcome and Opening Remarks
- Grant Overview
- Questions

### **Housekeeping:**

- This meeting is being recorded.
- Please keep your microphones muted unless sharing information
- Questions can also be sent to: [DEEP.RecyclingProgram@ct.gov](mailto:DEEP.RecyclingProgram@ct.gov)

# CT Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management



**CCSMM**

- Convened in September 2020 to develop a menu of options to scale sustainable materials management solutions and reduce reliance on landfills & waste-to-energy
  - Unit-Based Pricing
  - Food Scraps & Organics
  - Extended Producer Responsibility
  - Increasing Recycling
- Focus on Environmental Justice
- 86 Municipalities
- Main CCSMM webpage: <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP-CCSMM>

# The Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) Grant Program

# SMM Grant Program

## Overview

### Sustainable Materials Management Grant Program

Grant funds and technical assistance available to help municipalities and regional waste authorities initiate and scale up Unit-Based Pricing (UBP) and/ or food scraps collection programs, pursuant to Public Act, Spec. Sess., June 2021, No. 21-2, § 308.

Grant amounts vary based on scope and expected outcome of the project. Projects must align with goals of the Comprehensive Materials Management Strategy. See the CT Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management for more information.

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## Overview

### **Sustainable Materials Management Grant Program**

Phase 1 – Expression of Interest – due October 29, 2021

Phase 2 – DEEP technical assistance available to help develop baseline, analyses, program design, and blueprint for implementation – 3rd Quarter 2021

- Applications due on a rolling basis, awarded as funds are available

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## Applicant Eligibility

### **Applicant must be a:**

- CT municipality
- Group of CT municipalities
- CT regional entity (council of governments, regional planning agencies, resource recovery authority, recycling operating committees, or other entity representing CT municipalities)

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## Eligible Proposals - UBP

### **Unit-Based Pricing** (or pay-as-you-throw) programs:

- Charge residents a variable (i.e., volumetric) price for the collection and disposal of municipal solid waste based on the amount of material they throw away;
- Incentivize residents to increase recycling and separate their food scraps to generate less waste; and
- Are implemented using carts, bags, or as a hybrid.

For more information on UBP programs, see the [CCSMM UBP Working Group website](#) and the [CCSMM Menu of Options](#) (pages 39-42).



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## Eligible Proposals - Food Scrap Collection

### **Food Scraps Collection programs:**

- Divert food waste from disposal most effectively when implemented in conjunction with a UBP strategy; and
- Can include both curbside collection, co-collection (where residents segregate their food scraps in designated, colored bags and place them in their trash bin for pickup) or a collection program at a transfer station.

For more information on food scrap and organics collection options see the [CCSMM Food Scraps and Organics Working Group website](#) and the [CCSMM Menu of Options](#) (pages 12-23).

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## Phase 1 Timeline

Event	Applicable Deadline
Request for Applications issued	September 22, 2021 
SMM Grant Information Session	September 28, 2021 <b>Today!</b>
Submit questions regarding the RFA to <a href="mailto:DEEP.RecyclingProgram@ct.gov">DEEP.RecyclingProgram@ct.gov</a>	Ongoing
Submit questions regarding the Expression of Interest to <a href="mailto:DEEP.RecyclingProgram@ct.gov">DEEP.RecyclingProgram@ct.gov</a>	By October 5, 2021
DEEP posts answers to any questions received about the Expression of Interest on SMM Grant Website	By October 26, 2021
<b>Applicants submit an Expression of Interest</b>	Encourage submission of Expression of Interest as soon as possible, but <b><u>no later than</u></b> <b>October 29, 2021 at 11:59 PM EST</b>

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## Phase 2 Timeline

Event	Applicable Deadline
<b>Applicants informed about whether they will move to Phase 2</b>	<b>On or before November 16, 2021</b>
Applicants selected to move forward to Phase 2 will meet with DEEP Staff and Technical Consultant, refine their proposal, and develop SMM Grant Application.	ASAP after being informed of moving on to Phase 2
Application Forms accepted and reviewed on an ongoing basis.	Applicants will be given a deadline for submission of the application following the meeting with the technical assistance contractor.
Applicants informed about funding decision	Within 2 weeks of submitting application

# Expression of Interest Form

- <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Reduce-Reuse-Recycle/Municipal-Recycling-Resource-Center/Municipal-and-Regional-Grants-and-Technical-Assistance>

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### Expression of Interest Review Criteria

DEEP Staff will evaluate the Expressions of Interest Form and select proposals to move forward to Phase 2 based on the following Review Criteria:

- Eligibility of applicant and proposal (see RFA Sections 2.1 and 2.2)
- Consistency with the [CCSMM Menu of Options](#) and the [CMMS](#)
- **Overall potential impact of the proposal on waste reduction and diversion and short timeframe**
- Availability of grant funding

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### Eligible Expenses

#### **Examples of eligible expenses (including but not limited to):**

- Outreach and education for implementation of UBP and food scrap programs
- Providing free or subsidized bags for the startup phase of a UBP program
- Purchase and installation of truck cameras or other equipment to support enforcement of UBP
- Transportation costs for startup phase of curbside food waste collection
- Residential and curbside collection carts
- Recycling and/or enforcement coordinator salary, or project-based temporary staffing

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### Eligible Expenses cont'd

#### **Examples of eligible expenses (including but not limited to):**

- Pre-approved site improvements to a co-collection program sorting site such as signage, PPE/safety station, sort area barriers, scales, specialized collection/containment containers
- Containers to support transfer station or satellite drop-off program for food scraps
- Infrastructure (such as establishing food scrap satellite collection locations, carts, bags, sorting facilities, composting facilities, etc.)
- Pop-up hoop building or other temporary structures for hand sorting of source separated food scraps from MSW
- Organics collection vehicle for municipal fleet only
- Administrative costs approved by DEEP to be prudent and reasonable for project implementation

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## FAQ's

**Q: What types of proposals might receive funding?**

A: DEEP is flexible and is seeking innovative projects that initiate and scale up UBP and food waste collection programs.

Technical assistance provided by DEEP Contractor available to help your community with program design and long-term strategy for a sustainable program.

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## FAQ's

**Q: How will I know if my Expression of Interest proposal moves on to Phase 2?**

A: We will let all applicants know of their status by email on or before November 16th and coordinate a meeting with DEEP's Technical Assistance Provider.

**Q: How much funding is being offered to each municipality?**

A: The funding amounts will depend on scope of project, number of applicants, proposed budget, and timeline. Each municipality or regional entity is expected to submit a proposed budget in the Phase 2 Application, DEEP will do its best to fund highest impact projects.

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## FAQ's

**Q: Can folks receive funding as part of a COG and as an individual town?**

A: A municipality may potentially receive grant funding for multiple projects if they have different scopes.

**Q: Are there projects DEEP will not fund?**

A: Funds are not available to bring a town into compliance with existing Connecticut statutes and regulations.

**Q: When do I receive the grant award?**

A: If you are invited to move on to Phase 2, you will submit an application. If your application has been approved for funding you will begin the contracting process with DEEP. You may not start your project before your contract is executed.

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## Deadlines

### **Application Deadline:**

**Expression of Interest** (Phase 1 of application process) **due October 29, 2021 11:59pm EST**

Phase 2 applications accepted on a rolling basis following a meeting with DEEP and DEEP's technical assistance provider. Applications reviewed and awarded on a first-come first-served basis for as long as funds are available.

### **Contact:**

Email **DEEP.RecyclingProgram@ct.gov** by October 5<sup>th</sup> with questions about the Expression of Interest Form, email anytime with questions on the RFA.

Questions and responses will be posted on the **SMM Grants and Technical Assistance page** – by October 26th

Questions?

## Additional ways to keep informed

- **Next CCSMM meeting – October 4th 2:00-4:00pm**
- Sign up for CCSMM updates [HERE](#).
- Participate in Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) meetings:
  - Remaining 2021 meeting date: Oct 26
  - SWAC meeting agendas & materials are posted [HERE](#)
  - Instructions for self-subscription to the SWAC email listserv are posted [HERE](#)
- Municipal representatives should sign up for the CTRecyclers listserve and the CT Municipal Recycling Coordinator Newsletter
  - Contact [sherill.baldwin@ct.gov](mailto:sherill.baldwin@ct.gov) for more details

# Thank you

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