



RecycleCT Foundation Update

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Solid Waste Advisory Committee

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RecycleCT School Grant program

The goal of the School Grant program is to fund efforts in Connecticut K-12 schools that foster greater understanding of and promote action and engagement in:

- waste reduction
- reuse
- recycling
- composting and/or anaerobic digestion

Recycling, and more broadly sustainable materials management, preserves and conserves natural resources in Connecticut and beyond.

The [RecycleCT Foundation](#) is a Connecticut based 501c3 nonprofit created as a result of legislation in 2014 through Public Act 14-94. RecycleCT works to help Connecticut reach it's goal of 60% solid waste diversion by 2024, as described in the Connecticut Comprehensive Materials Management Strategy, adopted by CT DEEP in 2016.

RecycleCT School Grant Program

2019_2020 Cycle

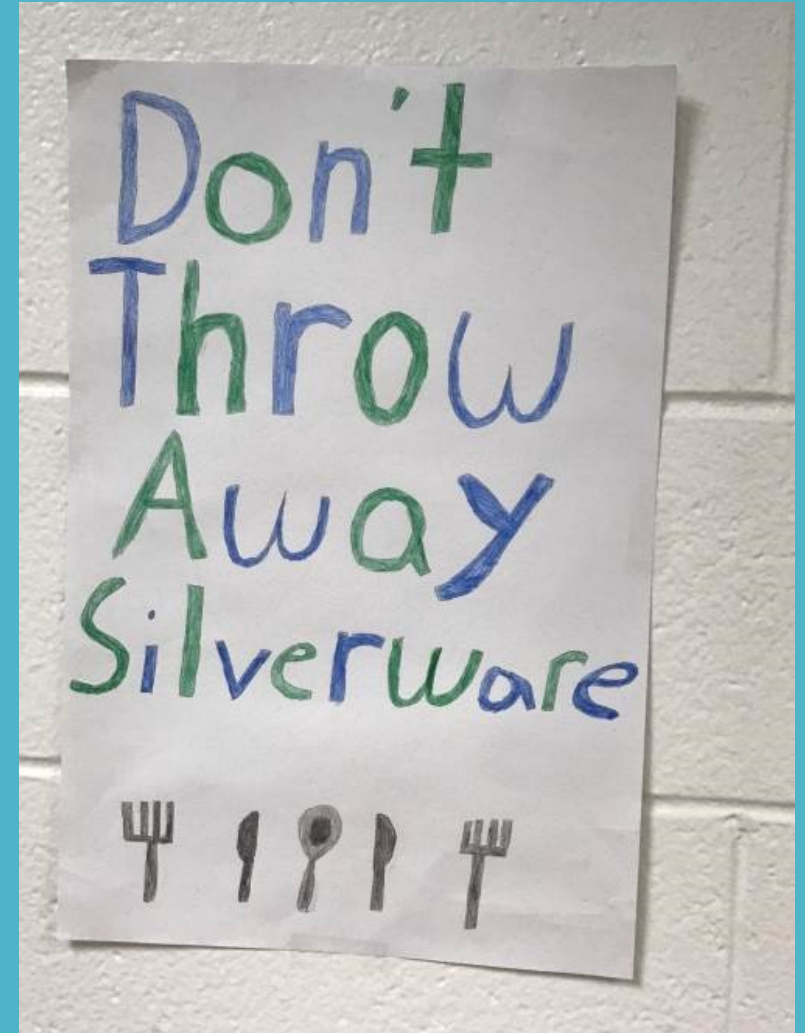
- Received 24 applications requesting over \$32,000
- Awarded 16 proposals over \$17,000
- Eleven of the awardees were registered Green LEAF schools
- Since 2016, RecycleCT has distributed \$51,284 to schools and \$175,635 to nonprofit organizations and municipalities



2019_2020 RecycleCT School Grant Recipients include:

- **Bethany** - *Bethany Community School – food waste reduction, food sharing composting
- **East Hartford** - *CT River Academy – research school waste and create a showcase to promote to school and general public
- **Easton** - Samuel Staples Elementary – Waste reduction promotion, assembly, water bottle filling station
- **Fairfield** - *Osborn Hill Elementary School – “zero waste lunch” awareness program
- **Fairfield** - *Burr Elementary – Reduce paper consumption with early dismissal software
- **Glastonbury** - *Glastonbury/East Hartford Magnet School – cafeteria collection station, liquid separation and food recovery fridge
- **Greenwich** - *Parkway school – worm composting in classrooms; make garden structures from upcycled materials; expand outdoor compost system to additional classrooms

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- **Mansfield** – Goodwin Elementary/Mansfield Middle School and Southeast Elementary School – reduce cartons, straws and single use cups; milk dispensers and reusable tumblers and portion cups.
- **Middletown** - Middletown High School – improve food scrap collection; recycling education video
- **New Haven** - *Common Ground High School – improve food scrap collection for on-site composting, institute biennial audits; student training
- **New Haven** - *Bernard Environmental Studies Magnet – collect food scraps for off-site composting; recover shareable food
- **New London** - The LEARN Transition Academy - expand their WormED project; vocational training of vermicomposting
- **Southport** - *Mill Hill Elementary – form RecycleClub; workshops, books, carton recycling
- **Weston** - *Weston High School & Weston School District – signage, bin stickers, posters, educational video
- **Westport** - Staples High School – food scrap collection bins; signage
- **Woodbridge** - *Beech Road School - water bottle filling station/reusable water bottle campaign



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