



**DATE:** September 12, 2019  
**TO:** Planning Committee/Recycling Board  
**FROM:** Justin Lehrer, Senior Management Analyst  
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**SUBJECT:** Grants Update

**SUMMARY**

The Agency provides grant funding through a variety of projects and programs to businesses, non-profits and other entities located in Alameda County. At the August RB meeting, staff provided a partial update of grants recently awarded through the grants solicitation for reuse/repair, food waste prevention and food recovery grants. This memo covers the remaining grant funding that the Agency provides through programs such as the Community Outreach grants, Waste Prevention Equipment grants, Packaging Innovation grants, and Mini-Grants.

**DISCUSSION**

StopWaste takes several approaches to provide funding to entities that align with the Agency’s priorities. Our funding provides opportunities for businesses, nonprofits, industry and community groups to educate as well as implement waste reduction measures via a variety of avenues including outreach and direct funding support.

In FY 18-19, staff awarded the following funding through individual program grant solicitation processes:

|                                   |                  |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Community Outreach Grants         | \$ 25,000        |
| Waste Prevention Equipment Grants | \$ 82,915        |
| Packaging Innovation Grants       | \$ 10,000        |
| <u>Mini Grants</u>                | <u>\$ 10,000</u> |
| TOTAL                             | \$127,915        |

A full list of the recently funded grants from the above areas for FY 18-19 can be found in Attachment A. Staff will provide a presentation to the Board that includes an overview of grant programs listed above as well as highlight entities selected for award.

**RECOMMENDATION**

This item is for information only.

Attachment A: Funded Grants FY 18-19

**EXHIBIT A - FY 18/19 Community Outreach, Equipment, & Mini Grants**

| <b>Community Outreach Grants - Food Waste Reduction</b> |                 |  |
|---|-----------------|--|
| <b>Organization/City</b>                                | <b>Amount</b>   | <b>Grant Funding Synopsis</b>  |
| McGee Ave. Baptist Church/Berkeley                      | \$5,000         | The Church will educate members and community partners on food waste reduction best practices and tools and engage up to 20 members to conduct their own fridge reality check. Over the course of a year, the church will share tips and stories through social media, church bulletins, garden workshops. |
| Eden Garden/Livermore                                   | \$10,000        | Engaging 20 community members to take the Stop Food Waste Challenge and share their stories through e-news, social media and garden workshops.   |
| Fremont LEAF/Fremont                                    | \$5,000         | LEAF will educate members and the general public about food waste reduction through public presentations and social media. LEAF will engage 20 people to conduct their own fridge reality check.   |
| A-1 Community Housing Services/Hayward                  | \$5,000         | Stop Food Waste awareness. The grantee will engage 20 members to conduct the fridge reality check and share 5 reminders to their community of food waste prevention tips – through social media, e-newsletters, in-person meetings   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>\$25,000</b> |  |

| <b>Waste Prevention Equipment Grants</b>      |               |   |
|---|---------------|---|
| <b>Organization/City</b>                      | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Grant Funding Synopsis</b>   |
| St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church/ Livermore | \$2,100       | St. Barts will purchase stackable reusable containers and a cart/strap to hold boxes. Containers that are stackable will reduce the amount of storage space in the pantry and increase the space for more food items to be donated. Temperature controlled food storage/transport equipment will also help with perishable items donated from locations and during food distribution at the pantry. |
| Arsola House/Oakland                          | \$7,500       | Grantee will purchase reusable totes or bins, a freezer (and installation), hot/cold boxes and reusable coolers to increase the number of homebound people that receive donated by 50 for a total of 200 served, increase the number of unsheltered persons provided with food by 50 persons for a total of 250 persons, and increase recovery of prepared and perishable foods.                    |
| Viola Blythe Community Center/Newark          | \$4,941       | Grantee will purchase a freezer to recovery and safely store surplus food to feed food insecure people. It is estimated that the Grantee will recover and distribute approximately 200 additional Turkeys (~3,000 lbs.) and other perishable foods between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020.  |

### Waste Prevention Equipment Grants Cont'd.

| Organization/City                             | Amount   | Grant Funding Synopsis  |
|---|----------|---|
| Faces of the East Bay/Oakland                 | \$8,703  | Grantee will purchase and install a freezer, refrigerator, and thermal blankets to support food rescue and distribution by increasing capacity to refrigerate and freeze donated food and increase the amount of food distributed with new temperature controlled food recovery equipment. FACES estimates increasing donations and foods distributed by at least 200%.   |
| Food of God/Oakland                           | \$1,100  | Grantee will purchase reusable totes or bins, reusable coolers, and thermal blankets to recover surplus food to feed people experiencing food insecurity in downtown Oakland.   |
| South Hayward Parish/Hayward                  | \$7,000  | Grantee will purchase reusable transport packaging and/or temperature controlled food storage equipment such as refrigerators, freezers, or hot/cold boxes. It is estimated that the Grantee will recover and distribute approximately 2,000 additional meals between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020.   |
| The Crucible/Oakland                          | \$2,353  | Grantee will purchase and install a commercial refrigerator. It is estimated that the Grantee will recover approximately 5,000 lbs. of edible food to feed underserved students taking classes and camps onsite between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020.   |
| Replate/Alameda County                        | \$3,845  | Grantee will purchase insulated blankets, insulated pan carriers hot/cold packs, and insulated delivery bags to recover surplus food to feed people experiencing food insecurity while reducing the use of disposable transport packaging. It is estimated that the Grantee will recover and distribute approximately 89,700 lbs. of food from Cal Dining between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020.                     |
| Berkeley Food Network/Berkeley                | \$5,555  | Grantee will purchase reusable plastic pallets and totes to replace limited-use wooden pallets and cardboard boxes, temperature controlled food storage equipment to keep recovered food at the proper temperature, and reusable food containers to reduce disposable aluminum trays. It is estimated that the Grantee will recover approximately 200,000 lbs. of edible food between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020. |
| Agriculture Institute of Marin/Alameda County | \$10,000 | Grantee will partner with 8 farms to replace 14,400 cardboard boxes with 645 reusable plastic totes for transporting produce to East Bay markets over a five year period. It is estimated that the reusable totes will prevent the purchase, use, and disposal of 5,760 lbs. of cardboard boxes annually with an estimated cost savings of \$5,400/yr.  |

### Waste Prevention Equipment Grants Cont'd.

| Organization/City                               | Amount          | Grant Funding Synopsis   |
|---|-----------------|--|
| Dorothy Day House/Berkeley                      | \$6,983         | Grantee will purchase two commercial refrigerators and one commercial freezer. As a result of this new equipment, it's estimated that the Grantee will recover approximately 600 lbs. of edible food a week during the duration of the grant.                                    |
| Downs Community Development Corporation/Oakland | \$1,650         | Grantee will purchase and install a commercial freezer to recover surplus food to feed people experiencing food insecurity.  |
| Tri-City Volunteers/Fremont                     | \$3,934         | Grantee will purchase round trip reusable totes to replace cardboard boxes. This will reduce limited space used in the warehouse so more food can be rescued for donation and distribution in the Marketplace and Bagged Lunch programs.   |
| Tri- Valley Haven/Livermore                     | \$2,369         | Grantee will a combo commercial refrigerator/freezer to recover surplus food to feed people experiencing food insecurity. It is estimated that the Grantee will recover approximately 230,000 lbs. of edible food between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020.                        |
| Union City Family Center/Union City             | \$4,882         | Grantee will purchase reusable totes, reusable pallet wraps, reusable pallet bands or belts, freezer and installation, thermal blankets, and scale to recover surplus food to feed people experiencing food insecurity while reducing the use of disposable transport packaging. |
| Drakes Brewery/San Leandro                      | \$5,000         | Grantee to replace single-use wood pallets and plastic pallet wrap with plastic pallets, reusable pallet wrap and bands, preventing 8.9 tons of waste annually.  |
| Emerald Packaging/Union City                    | \$5,000         | Grantee to replace paper cores for rolls of film packaging with reusable plastic cores, preventing 20 tons of landfill-bound waste annually.   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                    | <b>\$82,915</b> |  |

### Packaging Innovation Grants

| Organization/City    | Amount          | Grant Funding Synopsis   |
|----------------------|-----------------|--|
| Flo's Friendly Foods | \$10,000        | Grantee will develop a model school lunch catering program that focuses on reducing the consumption and disposal of single-use packaging by transitioning to a reusable food ware operation. |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>\$10,000</b> |  |

## Mini Grants

| <b>Organization/City</b> | <b>Amount</b>   | <b>Grant Funding Synopsis</b>   |
|--------------------------|-----------------|---|
| Bio Link/Oakland         | \$5,000         | Grantee to utilize funding to offset the cost of transportation to increase the number of donated science/lab equipment and supplies from bio medical entities for reuse by schools and colleges.                       |
| Cup O Sugar/Hayward      | \$5,000         | Grantee will use funds to promote their new app that specifically designed to help neighbors share excess food items and request items needed in a pinch. Focus of promotion is at multifamily units in Alameda County. |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>\$10,000</b> |   |