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SUBJECT: 2023 Waste Prevention Grant Solicitation Funding Awards

SUMMARY

The Agency utilizes several approaches to support waste prevention and build upstream infrastructure in Alameda County. One such approach is our long-running waste prevention grants program. Each year, StopWaste awards local nonprofits and businesses grant funding for projects focused on waste prevention and upstream infrastructure through repair, reuse, redistribution, and food waste prevention and recovery. The program engages businesses and community-based organizations to reduce waste in Alameda County while helping to address some of the county's most pressing environmental and equity issues and helping member agencies advance their sustainability goals. Since 1996, StopWaste has provided more than \$9 million in grant funding.

DISCUSSION

Local community-based organizations and businesses have a critical role to play in not only preventing waste, but shaping a more circular, resilient, inclusive economy. The grants program offers entities an opportunity to jump start an idea or advance concepts that prioritize upstream source reduction and reuse measures over recycling, composting, and landfilling. Funding priorities are designed to shift when needed depending on Agency priorities and changing needs in the community. For example, given the rise in food insecurity in the county due to the pandemic, the Agency increased funding for organizations working to recover donated food to nourish people.

The 2023 Waste Prevention Grant Solicitation resulted in over 100 applications, requesting \$2 million in funds. With a budget of \$1 million, staff utilized a variety of review criteria to assess each applicant's strengths and weaknesses to arrive at funding decisions. Of the 100 applications received, staff awarded \$1 million in funding to 64 applicants – 26 awardees are new organizations that have not received funding from StopWaste in the past. The chart below shows funding awards

by grant category – a complete list of all applicants funded in the 2023 Grant Solicitation round can be found in Exhibit A.

GRANT CATEGORY	Total # of Applicants	Applicants Awarded Funding	Total Funds Requested	Funding Awarded
<i>Food Waste Prevention and Recovery</i>	21	16	\$412,379	\$303,569
<i>Community Food Systems</i>	9	5	\$85,349	\$35,350
<i>Reusable Foodware</i>	18	7	\$838,173	\$264,400
<i>Reusable Transport Packaging</i>	5	4	\$49,250	\$34,250
<i>Reuse and Repair</i>	40	26	\$740,410	\$319,515
<i>Surplus Food Donation Equipment</i>	7	6	\$64,419	\$57,500
TOTALS	100	64	\$2,189,981	\$1,014,584

At the July 13 meeting, staff will provide an overview of the following:

- Grant applicants selected for funding,
- Synopsis of outreach activities conducted,
- New streamlined application process,
- Selection and evaluation criteria utilized for funding decisions, and
- Updated grantee reporting process to track data and measure impacts of grant funding.

RECOMMENDATION

This item is for information only.

Exhibit A – 2023 Waste Prevention Grant Solicitation Awards

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Waste Prevention Grant Category	Grantee	Organization location	Project Locations	Fiscal Year	Amount	Description
Community Food Systems Grants	18 Reasons	San Francisco	Alameda County	FY 22-23	\$5,000	18 Reasons is a nonprofit cooking school on a mission to empower community with the confidence and creativity needed to buy, cook, and eat good food every day. They offer a free 6-week, hands-on cooking and nutrition workshop series to food-insecure Bay Area communities through their Cooking Matters program. Funds will support an expansion of the series in Alameda County that promotes home cooking skills, including ways to make the most of food and food budgets, and reducing food waste. Funds will also provide stipends for community educators; StopWaste will provide technical assistance to connect food recovery organizations as potential host sites for classes.
Community Food Systems Grants	Alameda Boys & Girls Club	Alameda	Alameda	FY 22-23	\$5,000	The Alameda Boys & Girls Club’s mission is to inspire and enable all youth to realize their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens. Funds will support the Seed-to-Table Coordinator position to expand the farm stand project that provides free or low-cost surplus garden produce grown on site to the local community and parents.
Community Food Systems Grants	Fertile GroundWorks	Livermore	Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton	FY 22-23	\$5,350	Fertile GroundWorks' mission is to use education to empower individuals to grow food for themselves, and shares food grown on their farm with partners who serve unhoused and income-challenged neighbors to improve their food security and provide access to fresh organically grown produce. Funds will support seeds, and planting materials, and personnel time for Fertile Groundworks to survey community members through a range of existing food distribution partners, to ensure that the farm is producing culturally relevant foods.

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Community Food Systems Grants	Gill Tract Farm Coalition	Berkeley	Albany, Berkeley	FY 22-23	\$10,000	<p>A project of Social Good Fund, Gill Tract Farm Coalition's mission is to conduct collaborative community-driven research, education, and extension focused on ecological farming and food justice, and to foster equitable economies, a healthy environment, and increased resilience in vulnerable communities, both urban and rural.</p> <p>Funds will reduce food waste and strengthen communities by expanding the Gill Tract Farm's capacity to offer locally grown produce to food distribution partners, a weekly free farmstand, and to grow and distribute culturally relevant food with and for neighbors in UC Village. Funds will be used for staff time on the project as well as to improve food storage equipment on site and food safety and handling training.</p>
Community Food Systems Grants	The Bread Project	Berkeley	Alameda County	FY 22-23	\$10,000	<p>The Bread Project's mission supports low-income, re-entry, formerly incarcerated individuals, as well as immigrants and refugees on their paths to self-sufficiency through skills training and job placement assistance in food service and baking industries. Funds will support The Bread Project's expansion of a baking and cooking skills training program that utilizes recovered food from partners, such as Berkeley Food Network, to create meals for distribution at Dorothy Day House and amongst the low-income families, and houseless communities. Funding will support staff time and additional equipment to expand and operationalize classes.</p>
Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	Common Vision	Berkeley	Alameda County	FY 22-23	\$20,000	<p>Common Vision works at the intersection of food, education and the environment. Funds will support increased personnel time dedicated to expanding donation partnerships, distribution sites, and educational programming around food and nutrition.</p>

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Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	Daily Bowl	Union City	Alameda County	FY 22-23	\$20,000	Daily Bowl recovers excess food that would otherwise go to waste and delivers it to Bay Area agencies that feed food insecure families. Funds will support Daily Bowl to continue its existing food recovery effort while increasing its capacity to recover from more donors. Daily Bowl will pilot an outreach and food recovery effort to Tier 2 Commercial Edible Food Generators, which will be required to donate their surplus edible food starting January 1st, 2024.
Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation	Oakland	Alameda County	FY 22-23	\$20,000	The East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation (EBALDC) is a non-profit deeply committed to Asian and Pacific Islander communities and works with and for all the diverse populations of the East Bay to build healthy, vibrant and safe neighborhoods through community development. Funds will support the expansion of its Oakland Chinatown Food Distribution Program to approximately 420 households per month through four monthly food distributions at two central locations in Oakland Chinatown. EBALDC will also increase staff capacity to provide more efficient program management and coordination while increasing resident engagement to ensure a positive food distribution experience for residents and volunteers.
Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	Essential Food and Medicine (EFAM)	Berkeley	Alameda County	FY 22-23	\$20,000	Essential Food and Medicine (EFAM) works to build collective immunity by providing essential holistic, immune wellness juices, smoothies, and natural medicines for our unhoused neighbors, frontline workers, residents over 65 years of age, non-citizens, formerly incarcerated, the immunocompromised and mobility limited residents. Funds will support EFAM's usage of gleaned and donated produce to make nutrient-rich juices and soups that are distributed to displaced and transient individuals residing in West Oakland. Funds will cover the cost of repairs for juicing equipment, volunteer stipends, and vehicle expenses related to food recovery.

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Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	Greater Grace Community Services Outreach Program (GGCSOP)	San Leandro	Oakland	FY 22-23	\$16,000	Greater Grace Community Services Outreach Program (GGCSOP) ensures secure stable, reliable, and healthy food for six thousand families in Oakland. Funds will support expansion of food distribution to serve an additional 2,000 individuals on a weekly basis by stabilizing GGCSOP's volunteer base with stipends and build capacity for the site to operate during extended hours.
Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	Hope 4 the Heart	Hayward	Alameda County	FY 22-23	\$20,000	Hope 4 the Heart is an all-volunteer organization that serves local low-income families by providing weekly food deliveries to affordable housing and senior communities across Alameda County, in partnership with 50+ community partners. Funding will support expenses related to vehicle maintenance and recruitment of new food donors, increasing the volume of recovered edible food donations to an additional 300,000 to 500,000 pounds, enabling distribution to approximately 16,000 Alameda County residents each month.
Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	Just Fare	Oakland	Alameda County	FY 22-23	\$20,000	Just Fare is building a just world where food is a force for social change. Just Fare offers catering services for offices & events while offering dignified prepared meals through their Community Kitchen Program free of charge, while utilizing carefully selected ingredients from organic, local, independent farms for all meals. They also provide commercial kitchen design & foodservice consulting. Funds will support implementation of Just Fare's internal food donation program from workplace catering sites, development of a data analysis tool to reduce overproduction, and development of a case study informed by the above to share with other caterers and food producers.

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Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	Leanpath	Beaverton, OR	Berkeley	FY 22-23	\$14,000	Leanpath invented the world's first automated food waste tracking technology, deploying a suite of technology and coaching tools that address root behaviors leading to food waste in thousands of foodservice kitchens in over 30 countries. Funds will support the re-launch of a food waste prevention program at the Claremont Hotel, kicking off the first year of a three-year commitment to reducing food waste. Funds will ultimately help the hotel with compliance with SB 1383 food recovery requirements, and an outcome will be the sharing of best practices with other Tier 2 businesses.
Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	Mary Barber Ministries	Antioch	Hayward, Oakland, San Leandro, Union City	FY 22-23	\$15,000	Mary Barber Ministries provides nutritional, emotional, spiritual, and hygienic care to overlooked East Oakland community members. Funds will support Mary Barber Ministries to increase the surplus edible food collected and distributed from 75,400 lbs. to 226,200 lbs. during the grant term. Mary Barber Ministries will establish a client-choice food pantry, hold 2-3 community events, and form 2-3 new surplus edible food collection partnerships.
Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	MEANS Database	Washington, DC	Alameda County	FY 22-23	\$20,000	MEANS Database is a nonprofit food recovery platform that works to mitigate food waste and connect emergency food providers to food donations using an online platform to connect food businesses with excess food, such as restaurants, warehouses, and catering companies, to nearby nonprofits that serve the community. Funds will support MEANS Database to expand its food recovery network of partner agencies in Alameda County. All recovered food will be given to nonprofits and mutual aid organizations working to help individuals facing food insecurity in Alameda County. MEANS Database will also expand its platform to provide SB 1383 specific data tracking so that food generators can access the data they need for compliance.

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Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	Oakland Communities United for Equity & Justice	Oakland	Oakland	FY 22-23	\$20,000	<p>Oakland Communities United for Equity (OCUEJ) and Justice's Self-Help Hunger Program dovetails food recovery, food security, and career-building for low-income Oakland residents.</p> <p>Funds will support OCUEJ with storage, equipment, and personnel costs and stipends for essential staff and trainers involved in the Cooks Training Program, as well as food recovery, cooking, and distribution efforts that provide up to 8,000 nutritionally and culturally appropriate hot meals to nutritionally insecure North Oakland residents.</p>
Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	One Nation Dream Makers	Livermore	Valley, Dublin, Fremont, Hayward, Livermore, Newark, Oakland, Pleasanton,	FY 22-23	\$20,000	<p>One Nation Dream Makers' mission is to help veterans and others in the community to restore hope and get their lives back on track to become positive forces in their communities. Funds will support One Nation Dream Makers with operational and vehicle expenses to expand their food recovery efforts from local wholesale food vendors, grocery stores, and discount markets. One Nation Dream Makers aims to recover 720,000 pounds of surplus edible food.</p>
Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	San Lorenzo Family Help Center	San Lorenzo	San Lorenzo	FY 22-23	\$20,000	<p>San Lorenzo Family Help Center's mission is to eliminate hunger within the local community while partnering with churches, schools, neighboring businesses, government agencies, local neighbors and volunteers. Funds will support San Lorenzo Family Help Center to expand its growing food recovery program by hiring a warehouse assistant, purchasing equipment to move food donations around more efficiently, and recovery vehicle expenses.</p>

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Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	Shepherd's Gate	Livermore	Livermore	FY 22-23	\$18,569	<p>Shepherd's Gate's mission is to meet the physical, emotional, educational, and spiritual needs of women and children suffering from homelessness, addiction, and domestic violence. They serve families in crisis, regardless of race, age, religion, creed, national origin, disability, marital, or veteran status. Funds will support Sheperd's Gate's purchase of a refrigerator to store additional surplus food donations in their on-site pantry. Additionally, funds will be used for personnel time and purchasing of storage bins and a rolling cart to make managing, storing, and transporting the donations more efficient. This new process will not only increase their food donation redistribution by 20%, but will provide nourishing meals to the women and children living at Shepherd's Gate.</p>
Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	The Berkeley Food Network	Berkeley	Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, Oakland	FY 22-23	\$20,000	<p>The Berkeley Food Network (BFN) is an innovative, community-centered organization that brings expanded food assistance services to food-insecure Berkeley residents. BFN's goal is to ensure that all Berkeley residents are free from hunger and have access to affordable high-quality, healthy food. Funds will support the refinement of their food recovery program to be more deliberate, efficient, and flexible, resulting in the targeted recovery of greater quantities of desirable, waste-free, high-quality foods from large generators. In addition, funds will be used to purchase an electric pallet jack and support the development of an ongoing feedback loop between BFN clients and food-assistance partner organizations.</p>

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Food Waste Prevention & Recovery Grants	Tri-Valley Haven	Livermore	Alameda, Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton	FY 22-23	\$20,000	Tri-Valley Haven is a vital community organization that serves adults and children who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, or homelessness in the Tri-Valley area. Funds will support Tri-Valley Haven personnel time and increased vehicle and operating expenses to expand upon previous accomplishments by securing more grocery rescue providers and expanding their mobile pantry efforts. Staff will also incorporate client education into their pantry program and hold two events focused on proper waste sorting and healthy cooking.
Reusable Foodware Grants	Albany Unified School District	Troy, NY	Albany	FY 22-23	\$40,000	In partnership with Center for Environmental Health, Albany Unified School District will use funds to implement reusable foodware for student meals at three school sites. Funds will support the purchase and installation of a commercial dish machine in its central kitchen, and utilize internal staff and a van to transport dishes between school sites.
Reusable Foodware Grants	Buoy LLC	Los Angeles	Hayward	FY 22-23	\$49,400	Buoy's business mission is to replace single-use foodware containers with its reusable ones made of ocean-bound plastic. This project will pilot a reusable foodware system at the California State University, East Bay (CSUEB) campus in partnership with Race 2 Zero Waste leading outreach and CSUEB providing a washing station and staffing.
Reusable Foodware Grants	FoodWare	Berkeley	Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, Oakland	FY 22-23	\$30,000	FoodWare was founded in 2021 and uses a technology-driven collect & return system to replace single-use foodware. This project will expand FoodWare's reusable container service for takeout to more restaurants and cafes in the cities of Berkeley, Oakland and other nearby communities.

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Reusable Foodware Grants	Fremont Unified School District	Fremont	Fremont	FY 22-23	\$50,000	Fremont Unified School District will start lunchtime reusable foodware pilot programs at 10 elementary schools using Dishjoy's offsite dishwashing facility. The project is a partnership with Dishjoy and the Center for Environmental Health, and includes additional funding from Plastic Free Restaurants and the City of Fremont.
Reusable Foodware Grants	r.Cup	Minnesota, MN	Alameda County	FY 22-23	\$50,000	r.Cup provides reusable cup service for live events in several large cities in the US. This grant will help r.Cup expand to Alameda County, funding initial operations and offering incentives for venues and events to adopt reusable cup systems.
Reusable Foodware Grants	SPARKL Reusables	Alameda	Berkeley, Castro Valley, Hayward, Oakland, San	FY 22-23	\$20,000	Sparkl Reusables provides a reusable foodware system to eating establishments and meal distribution programs in the Bay Area. This funding will increase marketing & outreach staffing capacity and offer a rebate to bring the price of Sparkl's reusables on par with disposables when needed.
Reusable Foodware Grants	Spectrum Community Services, Inc.	Hayward	Alameda County	FY 22-23	\$25,000	Spectrum prepares a fresh, nutritious meal each day in their Hayward kitchen and delivers to multiple partner sites throughout Alameda County, including senior centers, senior residential buildings, and churches. Grant funds will cover SPARKL reusable service fees, distribution of training materials, and the creation of training videos for Spectrum's Senior Meals program.
Reusable Transport Packaging Grants	Agricultural Institute of Marin	San Rafael	Hawyard, Newark, Oakland	FY 22-23	\$10,000	The Agricultural Institute of Marin (AIM)'s mission is to educate, inspire, and connect communities, responsible farmers, and producers as part of a healthy, Earth-friendly, equitable local and regional food system. Funds will supply approximately 500 reusable plastic totes to transport fresh produce to Alameda County farmer's markets to eight BIPOC farmers who are enrolled in AIM's racial equity program called the "Incubator Booth". The Incubator Booth program supports beginning BIPOC farmers get established at farmer's markets.

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Reusable Transport Packaging Grants	Donut Petit	Alameda	Alameda County	FY 22-23	\$10,000	Donut Petit's City of Alameda artisanal doughnut shop sources local and organic ingredients to create classic and unique flavors. In 2021-22, Donut Petit received funding to purchase 150 reusable containers to transport donuts from their commercial kitchen in Alameda to farmers markets, fairs, events, and catering. Building on the success of that initial grant, these additional funds will allow the bakery to purchase 191 additional reusable bakery boxes to match the growing need.
Reusable Transport Packaging Grants	Good Eggs, Inc.	Oakland	Alameda County	FY 22-23	\$5,000	Good Eggs delivers fresh groceries and prepped meals straight to consumers, while supporting and growing local & sustainable food systems. Meals are prepped and prepared at the Good Eggs Kitchen based in Oakland with a second distribution warehouse in Los Angeles. Funds will be used to replace single use pallets and plastic pallet wrap with 70 reusable pallets and 70 reusable pallet wraps for shipments between the Oakland and Los Angeles warehouses, as well as reusable totes for distribution of goods between select vendors and donation partners.
Reusable Transport Packaging Grants	Mercy Brown Bag Program	Oakland	Alameda County	FY 22-23	\$9,250	Mercy Brown Bag Program serves food-insecure adults over the age of 60 in Alameda County through their free grocery program. The project will fund an initial pilot to replace single-use paper grocery bags with reusable bags for distribution at three senior centers that receive food through their mobile grocery program. Pending results of the pilot, a second phase will be implemented to expand the program to up to 10 sites in Alameda County.

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Reuse & Repair Grants	All Good Living Foundation Inc (AGLF)	Alameda	Alameda County	FY 22-23	\$10,000	All Good Living Foundation's (AGLF) mission is to help the most vulnerable children in the Bay Area by providing the necessities for them to lead a happy and healthy life through the Do Good Community Closets, School Incentive Program, and Do Good Sports Club. Funds will be used to expand and improve Do Good Community Closets at the Alameda Unified School District (AUSD) Office and six school sites. AGLF stocks community closets with donated essentials, that would otherwise be sent to the landfill, like clothes, shoes, and school supplies to help Alameda County Office of Education students and their families who are experiencing homelessness.
Reuse & Repair Grants	C & S Food Equipment Services, LLC (C&S)	San Leandro	Alameda County	FY 22-23	\$20,000	Established in 1999, C&S provides commercial kitchen equipment installation and repair services in Bay Area. Grant funds will be used to provide financial incentives for restaurant owners to repair equipment instead of purchasing new. In addition, funding will allow C&S to design and implement an apprentice program to ensure industry has trained staff to repair equipment.
Reuse & Repair Grants	Community Resources for Independent Living (CRIL)	Hayward	Valley, Dublin, Fremont, Hayward, Livermore, Newark, Pleasanton, San Leandro,	FY 22-23	\$15,000	Community Resources for Independent Living (CRIL) is a peer-based disability resource organization that advocates and provides resources for people with disabilities to improve lives and make communities fully accessible. Funds will support the expansion of CRIL's reuse and repair program by allowing CRIL to rent additional warehouses to increase capacity and cover personnel time. These services would regularly be available at CRIL Hayward and offered once a quarter at CRIL Fremont and CRIL Livermore.

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Reuse & Repair Grants	Digifli	Alameda	Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Hayward, Oakland, Piedmont, San Leandro	FY 22-23	\$5,000	Digifli is an enterprise that converts refurbished LCD computer monitors purchased from local e-waste companies and turns them into electronic community bulletin boards. Alameda County non-profit organizations, local artists, and small business owners receive free monitors to promote events and business activities. Grant will provide funding for Digifli to expand their services to additional organizations and promotions of community-based events. Funds will support outreach efforts in Alameda, Oakland, and Hayward to locate new entities to sign up for free monitor systems as well as the option to select low-cost paid advertising plans.
Reuse & Repair Grants	EIKON Church of the Nazarene	Oakland	Alameda, Berkeley, Castro Valley, Emeryville, Fremont, Hayward, Oakland, Piedmont, San Leandro,	FY 22-23	\$20,000	EIKON is a Hayward based church and nonprofit who works with World Vision to receive and redistribute home goods through a partner network of thirty-seven nonprofits across the Bay Area who use the goods to impact the homes and lives of the most vulnerable families and individuals in Alameda County. Funds will be used to cover the costs to transport returned goods from Costco in Tracy to Hayward facility as well as cover administrative costs for staff associated with improving internal tracking. Goods are distributed to partners at the Hayward facility and their new facility in Oakland.
Reuse & Repair Grants	Emeryville Celebration of the Arts, Inc.	Emeryville	Emeryville	FY 22-23	\$10,015	The mission of Emeryville Celebration of the Arts is to foster an appreciation of the arts and artists of Emeryville, produce and coordinate community-based events and programs, and increase public awareness of the rich diversity of all forms of creative expression in Emeryville. Funding will allow the organization to cover the initial large startup costs to fabricate almost 800 totes and pouches manufactured with salvaged street banners that advertised previous annual art exhibitions. These upcycled products will generate income from their sales to the community.

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Reuse & Repair Grants	Estudillo Produce and Deli	San Leandro	Oakland, San Leandro	FY 22-23	\$10,000	Estudillo Produce and Deli is a locally owned, independent grocer servicing San Leandro/East Oakland with fresh produce and groceries. Funds will help offset the cost to repair grocery store deli case rather than sending it to landfill and purchasing a new case. The grant would help support the California repair economy to significantly reduce carbon emissions and waste. Case study will be developed to monitor pre and post repair energy usage as well as provide thresholds to assess cost benefits of repair compared to purchasing new equipment.
Reuse & Repair Grants	Fixit Clinic	Berkeley	Oakland	FY 22-23	\$8,000	Fixit Clinic organizes community repair events in Alameda County and throughout the United States. Funds will pay for staff at Fixit Clinic to operate regularly scheduled community repair events (“Fix it Clinics”) at Circuit Launch Makerspace which specializes in electronics and robotics to expedite assessment, disassembly, troubleshooting, and repair. Holding regular Fixit Clinics at Circuit Launch is part of a broader effort to provide access to repair throughout Alameda County on a more regular basis.
Reuse & Repair Grants	Loved Twice	Oakland	Berkeley, Emeryville, Fremont, Hayward, Livermore, Oakland, Pleasanton, San	FY 22-23	\$10,000	Loved Twice believes every newborn baby deserves to have clothes for their first year of life—one of life’s basic necessities. Loved Twice provides clothing for newborns in need with quality reused baby clothing. Funds will be used to support Loved Twice to provide “wardrobes-in-a-box” that will keep babies clothed and warm for a year. Funds will help meet the increase in requests from social workers in Alameda County.
Reuse & Repair Grants	Make it Home Bay Area	San Rafael	Alameda County	FY 22-23	\$15,000	Make It Home Bay Area (MIHBA)’s mission is to furnish homes of families and individuals transitioning out of crisis or homelessness with donated, gently used, repurposed furnishings and household goods. Funds will be used to hire staff to increase furniture diverted from landfill and increase the number of Alameda County residents served.

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Reuse & Repair Grants	Mannequin Madness	Oakland	Oakland	FY 22-23	\$10,000	Mannequin Madness is an Oakland-based business that provides retailers with a financially beneficial and environmentally friendly way to discard their unwanted mannequins and store fixtures. Funds will be used to cover payroll expenses towards a marketing specialist, marketing funds, and incentives for social media campaigns to increase visibility in the maker/crafter community, and to inspire them to use repurposed mannequins for functional and decorative projects.
Reuse & Repair Grants	New Moons Ago	Oakland	Alameda County	FY 22-23	\$5,000	New Moons Ago reduces fashion wastes collectively, by reconnecting people through upcycling pre-loved clothing. Funds would be used to develop patterns and customer base for personal upcycling pant-making project for population losing mobility as well as to make an adaptive fashion platform for people with limited mobility.
Reuse & Repair Grants	Oakland Unified School District	Oakland	Oakland	FY 22-23	\$20,000	The Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) Student Tech Repair Internship program works to ensure that all students, families, and teachers have the necessary technology to be successful in school, while creating unique opportunities for student interns to build STEM skills and increasing local sustainability efforts with regards to electronic waste. Funds will be used to cover the costs of eight summer interns and part time OUSD staff oversight.
Reuse & Repair Grants	Omni Commons	Oakland	Oakland	FY 22-23	\$10,000	Omni Commons is a collective of organizations that provide a broad spectrum of services to underserved, disadvantaged, and marginalized communities. Funds will allow Omni Commons to hold bi-weekly in-person community repair events to help Alameda County residents keep durable goods in service rather than being discarded or sent to an e-waste facility. These events will leverage the workspace, tools, and expertise already at Omni Commons to aid in repair of anything that is broken. Holding regular community repair events at Omni Commons is part of a broader effort to provide access to repair throughout Alameda County on a more regular basis.

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Reuse & Repair Grants	Papa John's Pizza	Hayward	Hayward	FY 22-23	\$3,500	Papa John's restaurant is BIPOC and woman-owned. Funds will be used to offset costs to repair equipment instead of landfilling and purchasing new items. Items to be repaired include: refrigerator, pizza warmer, signage, and electrical outlet.
Reuse & Repair Grants	PLACE	Oakland	Oakland	FY 22-23	\$10,000	PLACE is a community hub that educates and empowers the community to experiment with and implement regenerative solutions to social and environmental challenges. PLACE offers sliding scale workshops and events. Funds will be used to provide community-based contractor stipends to provide sustainable income and scholarships to increase participation in programming around circular design skills including repair, mending, and maker-art made from salvaged materials. In addition, funds will be used to provide supplies and equipment repair in projects that operate using recovered and donated materials.
Reuse & Repair Grants	Rebuilding Together East Bay-North	Berkeley	Oakland	FY 22-23	\$10,000	Rebuilding Together creates community partnerships to rejuvenate neighborhoods through the rehabilitation of homes owned by low-income homeowners and non-profit facilities that serve low-income communities. Funds will be used to support the new Dorothy's Closet brick and mortar location in Berkeley which is a joint venture with Dorothy Day House in Oakland. Funding will assist to re-home donations, secure storage space for a secondary donation drop-off, and sorting facility. Items available at Dorothy's closet will be both distributed to those in need via vouchers at the store as well as sold at low cost to the local community.
Reuse & Repair Grants	ReUp by Kay Chesterfield Inc	Oakland	Oakland	FY 22-23	\$20,000	Kay Chesterfield is a B-corp commercial re-upholstery facility. Funds will be used to create and implement training/apprentice program in re-upholstery and upholstery sewing to address the lack of professional upholsterers who can provide services. Currently, the industry does not have enough labor force to continue this important trade.

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Reuse & Repair Grants	Re-Up Refills LLC	Oakland	Oakland	FY 22-23	\$15,000	The ReUp Refill shop in Oakland allows customers to get bath, body, kitchen, and cleaning products in refillable containers, reducing waste from single-use plastics. Funds will be used to pilot two refill kiosks in Alameda County through a vertically integrated partnership offering both circular soap distribution as well as consumer-facing dispenser machines. The machines will be stocked with the best-selling products from its refill shop: laundry detergent, hand soap, and dish soap. Customers will use the machines to refill their own containers, thereby reducing plastic waste from single-use containers.
Reuse & Repair Grants	Rock Paper Scissors Collective	Oakland	Oakland	FY 22-23	\$8,000	Rock Paper Scissors Collective is a volunteer-run organization that fosters creativity and collaboration in order to strengthen local communities and encourage sustainable practices and alternative models. Funds will support programming for art workshops available for a variety of participants including veterans, blind/deaf community members, as well as local youth.
Reuse & Repair Grants	Surplus Service	Fremont	Fremont	FY 22-23	\$15,000	Surplus Service provides the highest and best end use of life solutions for e-waste, via refurbishment and reuse of electronics rather than recycling or sending them to the landfill. Currently they send 90% of computer hard drives to recycling due to lack of capacity to refurbish. This grant will provide funding for software and equipment to refurbish computer hard drives at a large scale - increasing the number of hard drives by 90% that could be refurbished. This will offer a new revenue stream and provide an opportunity for company to both sell used computers as well as donate them to communities in need.

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Reuse & Repair Grants	Tech Exchange	Oakland	Oakland	FY 22-23	\$20,000	Tech Exchange sources high quality decommissioned technology from contributing partners, refurbishes computers and distributes them to households across the Bay Area. Funds will be used for sustainable computer refurbishment and workforce development efforts for digital equity. Funding would support the placement of two Civicorps interns who will serve in Tech Exchange's Oakland warehouse and a portion of intern stipends.
Reuse & Repair Grants	Teen Advocacy Going Strong (TAGS)	San Leandro	Hayward, San Leandro	FY 22-23	\$10,000	Teens Advocacy Going Strong (TAGS) is a nonprofit, second-hand clothing store and workspace dedicated to serving underserved teens and young adults ages 13-24 in the East Bay. Through TAGs, youth learn entrepreneurial and sustainable business skills while advocating for themselves and our environment. Funds will be used to help cover personnel expenses for their program coordinator and marketing coordinator, in addition to overhead, which will allow TAGS to expand job training and outreach to serve more local underserved teens and young adults in the community.
Reuse & Repair Grants	Uhuru Furniture & Collectibles	Oakland	Oakland	FY 22-23	\$10,000	Uhuru receives high-quality donated furniture and sells at affordable prices in their Oakland retail shop. Grant funds will support program coordinator to manage training and work experience program for interns via partner work site programs. Interns will help stabilize their workforce to increase their free donation pick-up services of furniture and home goods to divert additional 51 tons of furniture and home goods from the landfill over 10 months.

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Reuse & Repair Grants	Waterside Workshops	Berkeley	Berkeley	FY 22-23	\$10,000	Waterside Workshop's 'Street Level Cycles' program is a youth job-training program that repairs and sells discarded bicycles, and provides a free do-it-yourself public bike repair shop. Funds will be used for interns to participate in the Street Level Cycles Waterside's bicycle education and reuse program. Through innovative internship model, youth interns work alongside skilled instructors and learn professional bike repair by refurbishing used bicycles. Waterside's interns consist primarily of youth who face barriers to employment, including foster youth, homeless youth, youth with learning disabilities, and youth who are at risk of dropping out of high school.
Reuse & Repair Grants	Wonderfil PBC	Santa Cruz	East County (Dublin, Livermore, Newark, Pleasanton, Union City focus)	FY 22-23	\$20,000	Wonderfil facilitates creating a scalable and cost-effective refill vending machines for liquid and cream products which reduces the demand for plastic packaging for these items. Funds would be used to conduct outreach and place Wonderfil kiosks in the South and East areas of Alameda County. Refill kiosks would be placed in stores, apartment buildings, laundromats, and schools to dispense laundry detergents, liquid soaps, and other cleaning products into refillable containers.
Surplus Food Donation Equipment Grants	Alameda Food Bank	Alameda	Alameda	FY 22-23	\$10,000	Founded in 1977, the Alameda Food Bank is a non-profit organization that offers assistance to the Alameda community by providing nourishing food in a compassionate and respectful manner with the support of dedicated volunteers and local partners. Funds will support Alameda Food Bank to replace aging units with two glass door refrigerator units, which will greatly assist in the secure retrieval and distribution of food items to clients during their three weekly distributions.

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Surplus Food Donation Equipment Grants	Arsola's Distribution Center and Community Services	Oakland	Alameda County	FY 22-23	\$10,000	Arsola's Distribution Center and Community Services is a non-profit community organization that provides safe, comfortable, stable housing, food access, and support services to bring about social, behavioral, and economic growth and advancement for individuals struggling to build a better way of life. Funds will support Arsola to expand its food recovery and distribution program by purchasing two one-door refrigerators and one freezer. The equipment will be installed at two new distribution pop-up sites allowing them to recover more food and store it safely at each distribution location.
Surplus Food Donation Equipment Grants	Berkeley Food Pantry	Berkeley	Albany, Berkeley	FY 22-23	\$7,500	Berkeley Food Pantry's mission is to bring good, nutritious groceries into Berkeley and Albany homes experiencing crisis. Grant funds will support Berkeley Food Pantry to replace aging units by purchasing one three-door refrigerator. Most of the food stored in those refrigerators will be recovered from local grocery stores, which would otherwise go to waste.
Surplus Food Donation Equipment Grants	Lake Merritt United Methodist Church	Oakland	Alameda County, Oakland	FY 22-23	\$10,000	Lake Merritt United Methodist Church (LMUMC) operates food programs that serve individuals and families living near the church and all over Alameda County. LMUMC operates a monthly food distribution of shelf stable and fresh produce with food available upon request. Hot meals and sandwich lunches are prepared and distributed twice each week to the housed and unhoused near the church, as well as through its partners. Funds will support LMUMC to expand the capacity of their lunch meal program and food distribution program to the homeless and low-income families by purchasing one single-door refrigerator, one blast chiller, shelving, and one insulated blanket.

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Surplus Food Donation Equipment Grants	Project Open Hand	San Francisco	Oakland	FY 22-23	\$10,000	Project Open Hand's mission is to improve health outcomes and quality of life by providing nutritious meals to the sick and vulnerable, caring for and educating the community. Funds will support Project Open Hand's purchase of a three-door refrigerator to store and keep the produce they receive fresher for a longer period of time. The equipment will allow Project Open Hand to expand the quantity and type of produce they can offer their clients.
Surplus Food Donation Equipment Grants	The Peace Haven Corporation	Hayward	Berkeley, Castro Valley, Hayward, Oakland, San Leandro, Union City	FY 22-23	\$10,000	The Peace Haven Corporation's mission is to provide food, community services, and engagement to individuals and families they serve. Their vision is to create a community where no one goes hungry or feels left out. Funds will support the Peace Haven Corporation to purchase one refrigerator, one freezer, and a full-size insulated heated holding cabinet for their dignified freedom store. The equipment will significantly aid the Peace Haven Corporation in accepting a greater quantity of surplus food donations, enhancing their storage capacity, and ensuring that the food remains fresh for longer periods, thereby minimizing the risk of spoilage.
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