



DATE: August 8, 2019
TO: Planning Committee/Recycling Board
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SUBJECT: Food Waste Reduction Grantee Spotlight: Daily Bowl

SUMMARY

StopWaste has offered Food Waste Prevention and Recovery grants to nonprofits and businesses since 2012, funding 17 food waste reduction projects in Alameda County. This grant program provides funding to prevent food from going to waste through source reduction and/or support for developing infrastructure and increased capacity to recover and donate food to feed people. Daily Bowl is one of the nonprofits funded through this grant program. At the August 8 Planning Committee/Recycling Board meeting, Paddy Iyer from Daily Bowl will provide an overview of their food recovery work funded by StopWaste, sharing his organization's approach to keeping surplus edible food out of landfill while addressing the growing issue of food insecurity in the Tri-City area.

DISCUSSION

Daily Bowl is a Union City based 501(c)(3) nonprofit that gleans surplus produce and groceries from farmers markets, farms, grocery stores, and restaurant wholesale distributors, and redistributes this surplus food to nonprofits that serve low-income, vulnerable and under-resourced populations in the Tri-City areas of Fremont, Union City and Newark. About 30% of the Tri-City population lives below the poverty line, unable to meet their daily sustenance and nutrition needs.

StopWaste awarded Daily Bowl a \$10k grant in 2017 and a \$20k grant in 2019 to increase recovery of surplus food and reduce waste in the Tri-City area by expanding outreach to donors and redistribute food to feed community groups and families in need. To date, Daily Bowl has gleaned up to 270k pounds of produce and 40k pounds of meals in Alameda County.

RECOMMENDATION

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