

Waste Prevention Grants

Each year, StopWaste awards local nonprofit and businesses grant funding for projects focused on repair, reuse, food waste prevention, and food donation equipment. 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.

Local community-based organizations and businesses have a critical role to play in not only preventing waste, but shaping a more resilient, inclusive economy. These grants give them a boost to develop and pursue innovative solutions to the challenges facing our environment. That can mean saving scientific equipment from the landfill and donating it to educators, rescuing surplus edible food for our vulnerable and unhoused neighbors, supporting local urban farmers to switch to reusable transport packaging, or training high school students on how to repair electronics.

For example, [Loved Twice](#) promotes environmental conservation locally by encouraging people to donate gently used baby clothes for reuse. Since 2005, through volunteer-led "sorting parties," the nonprofit has distributed over two million garments to mothers and newborns in need. The grant helps them deepen their impact in Alameda County by keeping hundreds of infants clothed and warm.

[Common Vision](#) is dedicated to redistributing healthy food to feed people and building community resiliency. Recently Common Vision formed a partnership with grocery delivery service Good Eggs to recover and redistribute surplus food at their school Food Hubs and throughout the community. Their grant will help expand upon these food recovery and redistribution efforts, utilizing school farms as central hubs for local food system networks.

Examples of other grant-funded waste prevention projects include:

- [ReThink Disposable](#), a program of Clean Water Fund, received a \$20k grant to partner with Berkeley Unified School District (BUSD), to replace harmful single-use foodware with non-toxic reusables to be used during daily food service.
- [RRR Computer](#) promotes digital inclusion through the repurposing of computing devices. A \$15K grant will allow them to refurbish 50 high-quality MacBook laptops, and provide coding classes and technical support to students from disadvantaged backgrounds at Hayward's Tennyson High School.
- Interfaith Sharing is an all-volunteer food pantry serving working families, immigrants, seniors and the unhoused. A \$5,500 grant will be used to purchase a refrigerator/freezer in order to rescue and store more food to feed people in Livermore.

Explore a searchable list of [past and current grantees](#) and learn more at www.StopWaste.org/grants.



The community-supported kitchen at Three Stone Hearth used grant funding to continue improving and expanding their reusable meal packaging program.

This year, StopWaste provided
\$580,000+
in grant funding to local
organizations to promote
sustainability in Alameda County.

Since 1996, StopWaste has
provided more than
\$9 million
in grant funding to support:
reuse & repair,
food recovery & donation,
reusable transport packaging,
community education,
waste prevention equipment,
and more.