
Grants

Since 1996, StopWaste has provided **more than \$8 million in funding** to local organizations for innovative projects that decrease the amount of waste generated and sent to the county's landfills, and encourage the development, marketing and use of recycled products. The grants program is currently focused on funding waste prevention, reuse and repair projects.

Annual Grant Programs (up to \$20,000 each)



Reuse – Support organizations on creative projects that reuse materials and products

Example: Loved Twice, a 2017 grant recipient, provides newborns-in-need with quality reused baby clothes. Estimated to clothe 600 babies, reusing three tons of clothing, equivalent to 45,000 garments distributed and reused.



Food Waste Reduction – Fund innovative and replicable food waste reduction and/or food recovery projects

Example: Alameda County Community Food Bank, a 2017 grant recipient, received funding for food donation/recovery through the Grocery Rescue Program (GRP) and to launch a pilot program to recover infrequently donated items such as prepared food.



Nonprofit/Municipal – Provide municipalities the chance to partner with local nonprofits on diversion programs

Example: The City of Fremont worked with a local nonprofit to provide recycling services at large public festivals.



Waste Prevention/Source Reduction – Prevent or reduce the generation of waste at the source

Example: Rising Sun, a 2016 recipient, provides waste diversion education and resources to 1,000 residences in several Alameda County cities as part of a larger, ongoing outreach summer program.

Ongoing Grant Programs (\$500 to \$15,000 each)

In addition to the annual grant programs, StopWaste provides ongoing funding opportunities for additional specific and limited purposes. These grants are awarded on a rolling basis until the funds have all been allocated.

- **General Mini-Grants:** Specific and limited purpose projects tied to source reduction, reuse, recycling and market development – open to private firms, non-profit organizations, schools and individuals
- **Reusable Transport Packaging:** For the purchase of reusable packaging used to transport goods
- **Charity Thrift:** To offset high disposal expenses from illegal dumping at non-profit charity thrift drop-off centers
- **Food Scrap Bins for Businesses:** To make it easier for businesses to collect food scraps and food-soiled paper
- **Community Outreach Grants:** For non-profit community projects tied to food waste prevention, compost and mulch as well as food scrap recycling

Additional information available at StopWaste.org/grants