



2023 Organics Management Grant

Administered by the Dane County Department of Waste & Renewables, the Organics Management Grant seeks to provide funding for community composting projects that help reduce the amount of organics (food scraps, yard waste) being sent to landfills.

Organics, such as food waste, comprise about one-third of the materials being sent to the Dane County landfill. When food waste can be composted instead of landfilled, valuable nutrients can be recovered and applied to Dane County farmlands to increase soil health. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) offers the following recovery hierarchy to promote the productive use of excess food and food residuals:

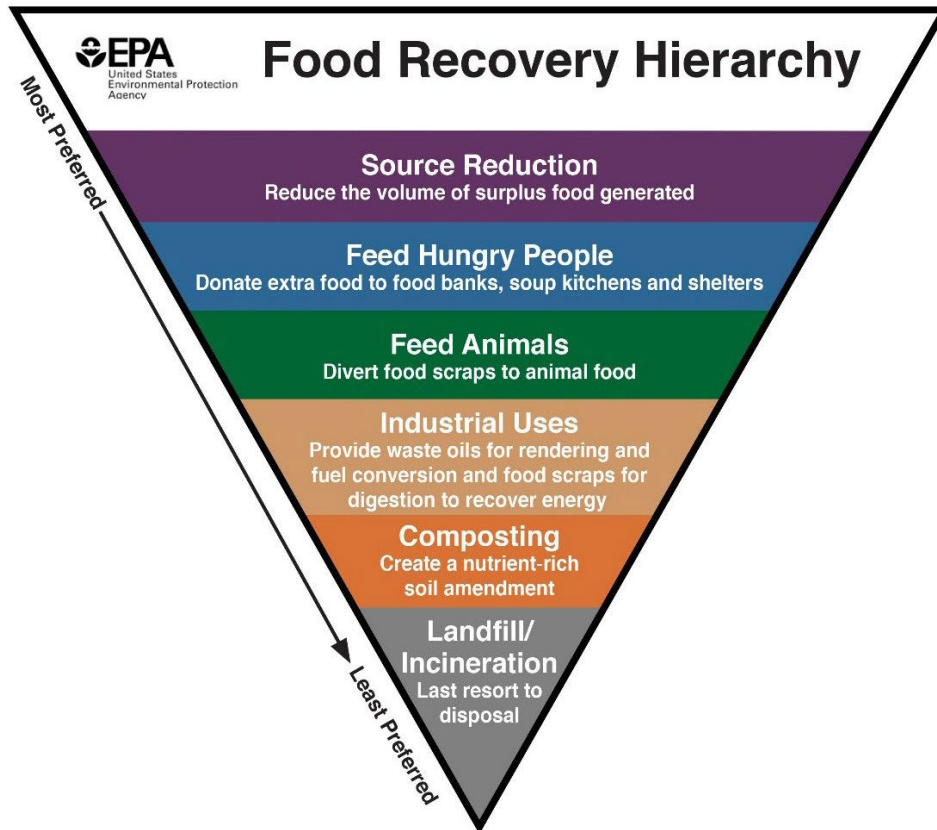


Figure 1. Image courtesy of EPA.

Dane County Waste & Renewables strives to support environmentally-sound and sustainable waste management and renewable energy solutions that are in line with the EPA's hierarchy through its innovative programs, partnerships, and grant programs. Learn more about Waste & Renewables [projects here](#).



Eligibility and Award Details

Who Is Eligible for Funding

All Dane County businesses, institutions, municipalities, Native American tribal governments and organizations, community groups and nonprofit organizations are eligible.

Eligible Projects & Available Funding

The Organics Management Grant is intended to help fund projects that reduce or eliminate the amount of organic materials, such as food scraps and yard waste, from the landfill. Projects that support food waste reduction or creative reuse will also be considered under this grant.

Examples of projects that would be eligible for funds include, but are not limited to:

- The construction or purchase and set up of on-site systems for collection of food scraps, yard waste, and garden debris for composting. The system must be available for use by all applicant community members or employees.
- Establishing an on-site, in-vessel compost (digester) system for a community, institutional facility or business.
- Development of an innovative new program to promote and enable efforts to reduce food waste at its source, and/or provide reuse options.

Some examples of project expenses that qualify include the purchase of equipment & supplies, and any printing and fabrication cost.

Each applicant may receive up to \$2,500 during this round of funding. More funding may be delegated on a case by case available for FY23. A total of \$10,000 is available in grant funding for FY23.

Applicants may qualify for reimbursement of up to 75% of the cost of approved project expenses. These applicants may receive credit for in-kind donations of goods, services, or labor to cover the remaining 25% of project expenses.

Selection Criteria

Selection criteria include:

- Amount (volume) of waste to be diverted.
- Likelihood of success and long-term sustainability of project.
- Availability of funds.
- Community need.
- Inclusivity and accessibility of project / project program.
- Demonstration of community support for the project.



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Applicants may submit more than one proposal. Composting programs in green spaces within disadvantaged and low-income communities will be prioritized. Green spaces include, but are not limited to, community gardens, urban farms, and other public spaces where small-scale composting is appropriate.

Terms of Acceptance/Rejection

Review of applications will be based upon how well the applicants meet the requirements and intent of the Organics Management Grant Program. Dane County Department of Waste & Renewables is the sole authority responsible for the approval of applications and reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. Grant agreement will be drafted and signed between Grantor and Grantee outlining project scope of work, funding distribution timeline and reporting requirements.

In general, grant awards will be distributed as a reimbursement to the sponsoring municipality or institutional applicant upon receipt of paid invoices or receipts for approved project expenses, unless otherwise determined on a case by case basis.

Grant recipient agrees to provide data pertinent to the grant's success, gaining cooperation from residents to support the grant, and executing the grant contract.

Interim and final reports will be required documenting estimated waste diverted from the landfill, lessons learned and detailing plans for future sustainability. Project expenses must be incurred and all receipts or other proof of payment submitted to Dane County Department of Waste & Renewables in the interim and final report.

If needed, Dane County Waste & Renewables is happy to provide technical expertise, training and assistance on a case by case basis to awarded projects. Project awardees may also utilize the [UW Extension Master Composter Network](#) for additional assistance and guidance on projects.

How To Apply

Please complete the application on page 5 and submit electronically to Sujata Gautam at Gautam.sujata@countyofdane.com.

Deadline

Applications will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis until all funds are disbursed or until October 1, 2023.

For More Information

Please contact Sujata Gautam at Gautam.sujata@countyofdane.com or by calling (608) 206-6952.



Limitation of Liability

Dane County assumes no responsibility or liability for costs incurred by parties in preparing or submitting applications for the Organics Management Grant. In addition, with the exception of municipal governments, applicants who become grant recipients must agree to indemnify Dane County and will have their grant conditioned upon providing proof of insurance.



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Applicant Information

Name of Organization:

Organization Type:

- Municipality
- Native American tribal governments and organizations
- Community Group
- Community gardens
- Institution (ie. church, school)
- K-12 School
- Residential building or housing
- Non-profit organization
- Business

Address:

Mailing Address:

Contact Person Name:

Contact Person Phone:

Contact Person Email:

Please expand upon your project's team ability to complete proposed project. *Please note, for composting projects applicants are highly encouraged to have team members participate in [UW-Extension's Master Composter training program](#).*



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Project Information

Please describe nature of project, including: project goal/purpose, educational component, timeline, source of matching funds, an estimate on project's waste diversion volume:

In terms of equity & inclusion, how has this project considered who benefits, who burdens, and who gets left out? Please explain what measures have been taken to reduce barriers to participating in your project / project program.

Please submit any letters of support for the project along with this application.

Budget Information

Expected Cost of Materials/Services. (Must be itemized.) Upload price quotes or send separately as appropriate:

Itemized list of In-Kind Contributions (for community groups, public, or 501(c)(3) entities only). Volunteer hours can be estimated and valued at \$15/hour. If not applicable, enter "0":

Total Estimated Project Cost:

Requested Grant Dollars:

Note, this grant covers up to 75% of the cost of approved project expenses

Applicant has read and understands the Terms of Acceptance for the Organics Management Grant.

Applicant Signature:

Date: