

Recycle Montana Composting Grant Program

The **Zeller Foundation** and **Recycle Montana** are teaming up to establish a grant program that awards funding for the implementation of waste reduction and composting programs in public and private K-12 schools. We are pleased to announce the availability of these new grants in 2023 for projects implemented during the 2023-2024 school year. The maximum per award, \$500, will be awarded to **four schools** that submit the best applications as decided by the Recycle Montana Board of Directors.

ELIGIBILITY

All public and private K-12 schools in Montana are eligible to apply for funding. The school may choose any type of program they desire as long as it implements a waste reduction and composting program. There are several existing school program templates available on the internet.

Applicants and programs must:

- *Describe the project
- *Include a goal and objectives to increase awareness or minimize waste through waste reduction and composting
- *Submit a budget
- *Identify participants (classroom, grade, student organization, school cafeteria personnel, etc.)
- *Identify desired results, continuity and sustainability (create compost for a school garden, utilize cafeteria waste, use cardboard in composting, create a worm garden, sell compost to the community, purchase BPI certified compostable garbage bags and/or compostable service ware, etc.)
- *Agree to share program information and data with Recycle Montana; grant winners will be asked to share their progress at the midterm of the grant cycle which runs from May 2023 to May of 2024.



E-mail questions and grant application to: recycle406@gmail.com or call 406-899-6513

COMPOSTING GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

Name of School:

_____ Public [] Private []

Contact Person Name Title/Affiliation:

School Street/Mailing Address

City

State

Zip

Phone #

Fax #:

(____) _____ (____) _____

Contact E-Mail Address and School Website:

Signature of School Principal:

Date:

If awarded, make check payable to:

Written Project Description-

Project Goals and Objectives-

Project Team and Partners-

Desired Results, Continuity and Sustainability-

Attach budget-

Grant Application Checklist

Use the list below to ensure that you have completed the necessary application components before submitting your grant application.

- 1. Completed Application Form: 10 points**
- 2. Written Project Description including the following:**
 - a. Project Goals and Objectives: 40 points**
 - b. Project Team and Partners: 20 points**
 - c. Desired Results, Continuity and Sustainability: 15 points**
 - d. Budget and Budget Detail: 15 points (extra points for reused materials in compost bins use or construction- 10 Bonus points)**
- 3. Optional - Supporting Documentation (no more than 3 double-sided pages) such as price quotes, educational materials, plans, project maps, etc.: 10 Bonus points**