

# 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 2024 for projects implemented during the 2024-2025 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 2024 to May of 2025.



E-mail questions and grant application to: [recycle406@gmail.com](mailto:recycle406@gmail.com) or call 406-899-6513

**COMPOSTING GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM**

Name of School:

\_\_\_\_\_ Public [ ] Private [ ]

Contact Person Name Title/Affiliation:

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School Street/Mailing Address

City

State

Zip

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Phone #

Fax #:

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Contact E-Mail Address and School Website:

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Signature of School Principal:

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Date:

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If awarded, make check payable to:

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Written Project Description-

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Project Goals and Objectives-

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**Project Team and Partners-**

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**Desired Results, Continuity and Sustainability-**

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**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**