

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FY 2022 GRANT APPLICANTS

Recommended For Funding

	State	Organization	Contact Info	Assistance
1	Alaska	Alaska Forum, Inc.	Phone: 907-330-9805 Website: http://www.akforum.org	The Alaska Forum, Inc. proposes to provide Solid Waste Management training to underserved rural Alaska communities seeking to invest in their community and improve their operational practices and quality of life for all residents. The Rural Alaska Solid Waste Certification Program will provide critical training for landfill operators, administrators and community and tribal environmental workers to improve planning and management of solid waste sites in rural areas, while mitigating pollution and addressing climate impacted waste sites.
2	Alaska	Norton Sound Health Corporation	Phone: 907-443-3294 Website: https://www.nortonsoundhealth.org/	The Norton Sound Health Corporation project goal is to provide each of the 16 Alaska Native communities in the Bering Strait region with proactive and sustainable solid waste management programs. Sustainable solid waste management is a foundational building block necessary for communities to be both healthy and economically sustainable in the long-term.
3	Alaska	State of Alaska	Phone: 907-269-7690 Website: www.dec.alaska.gov	The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Solid Waste Program proposes to deliver hands-on technical assistance on solid waste management in eight rural communities throughout Alaska. This project will be developed to fit each community's capacity and demographics by working with community leaders, landfill operators, and residents.
4	Alaska	Zender Environmental Health and Research Group	Phone: 907-277-2111 Website: www.zendergroup.org	The Zender Environmental Health and Research Group proposes providing technical assistance and training which will improve solid waste management and human waste (i.e. honeybuckets) collection & disposal management in Alaska rural and remote non-hub communities.
5	Alabama	University of Alabama at Birmingham	Phone: 205-934-2146 Website: www.uab.edu	The University of Alabama at Birmingham proposes to develop and provide specialized hands-on technical assistance, onsite training, and education to landfill operators, solid waste commission members and residents of rural communities. Recipients will learn to identify potential threats and how to properly respond to/and handle landfill fires and how that will lead to groundwater contaminations.
6	Arizona	Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc.	Phone: 602-258-4822 Website: www.itcaonline.com	The Inter-Tribal Council of AZ, Inc., proposes to conduct training for the solid waste personnel of the 21 member tribes. The training will assist in effectively managing and mitigating solid waste in the local tribal communities.
7	California	Earth Island Institute	Phone: 510-859-9145 Website: https://www.earthisland.org/	The Earth Island Institute proposes to provide hands-on solid waste and resilience planning and management through technical assistance and training. The project will provide direct and indirect assistance to 26 California (CA), 6 Arizona (AZ), 13 Nevada (NV) and 4 New Mexico (NM) federally recognized Tribes to reduce their solid waste streams, divert waste from the landfills, reduce water and climate pollution, and build Tribal resilience.

8	District of Columbia	Rural Community Assistance Partnership, Inc.	Phone: 202-470-1583 Website: www.rcap.org	The Rural Community Assistance Partnership proposes to conduct a national program to provide technical assistance and training to reduce pollution of water resources and improve planning and management of solid waste sites in rural communities.
9	Iowa	University of Northern Iowa	Phone: 319-273-6584 Website: www.uni.edu	The University of Northern Iowa proposes to implement the Community Gardens and Farmers Market Compost and Donation Project. The main goal of the project is to decrease the amount of food headed to the landfill through sustainable alternatives. Technical assistance and hands-on, on-site training will target both community gardens and farmers markets in areas where infrastructure is lacking and resources are limited.
10	Maine	Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments	Phone: 207-783-9186 Website: www.avcog.org	The Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments proposes to continue providing a wide range of technical assistance to towns and/or groups of towns operating together in the three-county region. The goal is reducing the amount and toxicity of waste being disposed and improving the resiliency of the local and regional solid waste systems.
11	Maine	Kennebec Valley Council of Governments	Phone: 207-453-4258 Website: www.kvcog.org	The Kennebec Valley Council of Governments proposes a two-pronged solid waste management project which addresses low recycling rates and an urgent PFAS contamination challenge. First, KVCOG seeks to increase recycling rates to 50% for 10 targeted municipalities, and plans to do so by expanding conventional recycling, food, textile, and household hazardous waste diversion. Secondly, as KVCOG's service region is one of the nation's PFAS contamination hot spots, we propose to provide significant technical assistance to municipalities for the assessment of PFAS in the waste stream and regional coordination of treatment options.
12	Massachusetts	Center for EcoTechnology, Inc.	Phone: 413-586-7350 Website: www.cetonline.org	The Center for EcoTechnology, Inc., proposes to carry out an "Emerging Solutions to Wasted Food and Building Materials: Circular Economy Solutions" project. This will support rural communities with implementing resilient, restorative, and regenerative waste management systems, with a specific emphasis on wasted food and construction and demolition (C&D) materials.
13	Massachusetts	Northeast Waste Management Officials' Association, Inc.	Phone: 617-367-8558 Website: www.newmoa.org	The Northeast Waste Management Officials' Association proposes a project to educate and train local officials, residents, institutions, and businesses in small low-income rural communities in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont on common consumer products that contain PFAS, their impacts on public health and the environment, and commercially available safer alternatives.
14	New Hampshire	Lakes Region Planning Commission	Phone: 603-279-5336 Website: www.lakesrpc.org	The Lakes Region Planning Commission proposes to reduce the quantity and toxicity of their solid waste stream and lower the costs associated with solid waste management through technical assistance and training of solid waste managers.
15	New Hampshire	Northeast Resource Recovery Association	Phone: 603-736-4401 Website: www.nrra.net	The Northeast Resource Recovery Association proposes to provide technical assistance to rural communities in need within New Hampshire to reduce their waste stream through implementing environmentally sound practices.

16	New Hampshire	Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission	Phone: 603-448-1680 Website: www.uvlsrc.org	The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission proposes to direct a solid waste management program that would increase knowledge of toxic products, increase proper hazardous waste and medicine disposal to prevent water contamination. Further, training will aim to increase the safety and efficiency of municipal materials management facilities and increase recycling and reuse of materials to reduce waste disposal.
17	New Jersey	Rowan University	Phone: 856-256-4530 Website: www.rowan.edu	Rowan University proposes to develop a virtual reality (VR) predictive analytics platform using artificial intelligence (AI) for simulating the internal dynamics of landfills under various environmental conditions exacerbated by climate change, such as more intense and frequent storms and sustained temperature rise (both in the mean and during discrete acute events). These environmental changes can lead to a shift in the biological, chemical, and physical dynamics of landfills, causing failure of clay and synthetic liners, and thus leakage of landfill leachate into neighboring watersheds.
18	New Mexico	New Mexico Recycling Coalition	Phone: 505-603-0558 Website: www.recyclenewmexico.com	The New Mexico Recycling Coalition (NMRC) proposes to provide technical assistance and trainings to rural Native American Pueblo communities located within northern New Mexico to reduce their solid waste stream by focusing on proven methods of sustainable materials management, including waste characterization studies (also known as waste audits or waste assessments).
19	New Mexico	Quivira Coalition	Phone: 505-393-5354 Website: www.quiviracoalition.org	The Quivira Coalition proposes to offer the education, initial supplies, and technical assistance needed to create localized compost hubs in the Wagon Mound area. The Quivira Coalition provides long standing expertise in rural participatory education and an active network of contacts in rural communities. They build off new capacity with the Reunity Resources partnership around compost production education and tailor new education. Further, conduct outreach specifically focused on water quality and quantity in the project area.
20	New York	Syracuse University	Phone: 315-443-1121 Website: www.syracuse.edu	Syracuse University proposes to assist rural communities in NY and PR – especially those with the smallest populations and highest rates of poverty – with establishing sustainable materials management (SMM) goals and efforts that will reduce reliance on landfills and incinerators while building local economies, protecting public health, regenerating surrounding environments, and reducing local climate change impacts. SMM strategies will include waste reduction, reuse, and recycling, as well as sustainable organics management.
21	North Carolina	Land of Sky Regional Council	Phone: 828-251-6622 Website: www.landofsky.org	The Land of Sky Regional Council proposes to provide hands-on technical assistance to North Carolina’s rural businesses and institutions to divert at least 9 million pounds of food waste, compostables and other solid waste from the landfill. This assistance will be in combination with our no-cost, solid waste assessments that help businesses and other entities develop and enhance recycling and waste reduction programs.
22	Ohio	Rural Action, Inc.	Phone: 740-677-4047 Website: www.ruralaction.org	The Rural Action’s Zero Waste Program proposes to provide technical assistance to solid waste and recycling managers across rural areas of the Appalachian Ohio counties of Athens, Washington, Perry, Lawrence, Ross, Vinton, Meigs, Hocking, and Morgan, OH and Wood and Cabell

				Counties, WV. These rural counties face deep, systemic challenges related to solid waste management and high rates of poverty.
23	Oklahoma	Oklahoma State University	Phone: 405-744-9825 Website: http://go.okstate.edu/	Oklahoma State University proposes to build on their experience working with local, county, and tribal rural communities to assist with solid waste management efforts. They'll provide technical assistance, training, and education concerning the waste management needs of the rural-focused clientele.
24	Texas	Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission	Phone: 432-563-1061 Website: www.pbrpc.org	The Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission proposes to provide technical assistance for landfill diversion and related environmental training for the rural areas of the region with populations of less than 5,500. It will host classes to include Municipal Solid Waste Operator A, Municipal Solid Waste Operator B, Waste Screening, Illegal Dumping Enforcement, Household Hazardous Waste handling, prescription drug take back initiatives, and the reduction of pollution of water resources.
25	Utah	Solid Waste Training Institute (AK, NV, UT)	Phone: 801-773-3160 Website: www.swti.org	The Solid Waste Training Institute proposes to help address local needs that have been identified and specifically requested for review by the beneficiaries. Efforts will include the following: on-site training for landfill personnel to reduce short and long-term liabilities, a leachate volume reduction evaluation project for the purpose of reducing treatment costs and environmental contamination, development and implementation of an emerging contaminants programs to reduce future and current environmental contamination, conduct an analysis of current food management practices and utilize findings to make effective adjustments to these practices for the purpose of alleviating local hunger.
26	Utah	Solid Waste Training Institute (AK, ID, WY)	Phone: 801-773-3160 Website: www.swti.org	The Solid Waste Training Institute proposes to address local needs that have been identified and specifically requested for review by the beneficiaries. Efforts will include integrated solid waste sustainability planning, on-site training for landfill personnel to reduce short and long-term liabilities, illegal dump cleanups, development, and implementation of an emerging contaminants program, analyze and improve food waste management to help alleviate local hunger, and ensuring project sustainability.
27	Vermont	Rutland County Solid Waste District	Phone: 802-775-7209 Website: www.rcswd.com	The Rutland County Solid Waste District proposes a project to increase recycling and compost rates using outreach and educational community engagements. The project will align the knowledge base within 12 rural communities in central Vermont with the new laws and innovative tools where proficiency is needed to be efficient and successful when managing solid waste.
28	Virgin Islands	University of the Virgin Islands	Phone: 340-693-1202 Website: www.uvi.edu	The University of the Virgin Islands (UVI) proposes the project "Generating Value from Organic Waste in the United States Virgin Islands" to provide technical assistance and training to the United States Virgin Islands (USVI) community by evaluating feasible and cost-effective options for reducing organic materials, including food waste, in the USVI's waste stream.