

CalRecycle Grant Opportunities

The Senate Bill (SB) 1383 regulations took effect on January 1, 2022, and many jurisdictions continue to struggle with funding and capacity needs. The Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) released two grant opportunities titled "[Co-Digestion Grant Program](#)" and "[SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program](#)" to provide jurisdictions with the necessary funding for implementation of the regulations and organic waste processing infrastructure.

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2021–22 Budget Act includes a funding for a circular economy. The funding will support development of organic waste recycling infrastructure, edible food recovery, and recycling of non-organic materials. The Circular Economy Package allocates \$10,000,000 to CalRecycle's Co-Digestion Grant Program for FY 2021–22 and \$10,000,000 for FY 2022–23, minus five percent for administration costs.

The Co-Digestion Grant Program will provide funding to build new and expanded food waste co-digestion projects at existing publicly owned wastewater treatment plants to increase anaerobic digestion infrastructure capacity. These investments will provide funding for organic waste receiving stations, biogas treatment equipment, biosolids dewatering infrastructure, and more. Eligible applicants include local governments, cities, counties, regional or local sanitation and solid waste agencies, or Joint Powers Authorities. The application due date for this grant is April 2022.

The Circular Economy Package also allocates \$60,000,000 for the SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program for FY 2021–22, minus five percent for administration costs. CalRecycle proposes setting a base award amount of \$20,000 for eligible entities. The remaining funds will then be distributed to eligible entities based on per capita calculations using the Department of Finance's January 2021 population statistics. The application due date for this grant was February 1, 2022.

The SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program will provide funding to local jurisdictions to assist with the implementation of regulatory requirements associated with SB 1383, including but not limited to capacity planning, collection, edible food recovery, education and outreach, enforcement and inspection, program evaluation/gap analysis, procurement requirements, and record keeping.

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