

Recycling Market Development Zone – Los Angeles County

The Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ) program combines recycling with economic development to fuel new businesses, expand existing ones, create jobs, and divert waste from landfills. The California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery can assist qualifying companies through the RMDZ program. It is a partnership between CalRecycle and local jurisdictions. The RMDZ program offers attractive loans, technical assistance, and free product marketing to businesses located in an RMDZ that recycle products or create products from recycled materials. Los Angeles County RMDZ is administered by Los Angeles County Public Works. Any businesses located within the County can apply for a loan from CalRecycle. The Los Angeles County RMDZ consists of 19 member cities, which are:

Azusa
Baldwin Park
Burbank
Carson
Commerce
Compton
Covina

Culver City
El Monte
Glendale
Huntington Park
Inglewood
Monrovia
Palmdale

Santa Fe Springs
South Gate
Torrance
Vernon
Whittier
Santa Fe Springs

An advantage of doing business in Los Angeles County is the abundance of feedstock due to its size. With more than 10 million residents and approximately 250,000 businesses, Los Angeles County generates an abundant supply of materials available for recycling, including food waste, construction and demolition debris, green waste, paper, plastic, rubber, textiles, and used automotive tires. This includes interest rates as low as 4 percent, an estimated \$50 million available in loan program funds, and loans of up to \$2 million making the RMDZ program an attractive alternative for qualifying businesses. In addition, RMDZ resources may be used for brand new businesses or existing ones who intend to expand their current operations.

For more information on the program, please contact Ms. Anita Yengibaryan at ayengibaryan@pw.lacounty.gov, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. or visit the RMDZ CalRecycle page (QR code below).

