

California Carpet Stewardship Program [July 2016 Update](#)



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An initiative of CARE: Carpet America Recovery Effort

Final Procurement Grant Solicitation Released

The final solicitation for CARE's Pilot Cycle 1C Recycled Carpet Product Procurement Grants has been released [here](#). These grants are designed to promote the development of long-term, sustainable and diversified markets for products produced from California-generated post-consumer carpet (PCC). Eligible applicants include California public agencies and their contractors.

\$500,000 is allocated for Cycle 1C (2016). Funds will be granted in two project categories. Category I is for broadloom carpet and carpet tile. Category II is for other consumer products, including carpet cushion. Maximum grant award for Cycle 1C is \$50,000 for each grant. Program applications are due **no later than September 30, 2016** and projects must reach completion by mid-December 2017. Solicitation instruction and all application materials are available on the CARE [website here](#).

Recycling coordinators and other local government staff receiving this e-news are encouraged to forward this grant opportunity to your organization's procurement department. Please email [Abbie Beane](#), grants administrator, if you wish to be placed on the list to receive future grant program notices. See the [CARE website](#) for more information on grants.

California Program's 2015 Annual Report Submitted to CalRecycle

California Carpet Stewardship Program's 2015 Annual Report was submitted to CalRecycle on June 30. The report can be accessed at CalRecycles site [here](#). CalRecycle will make a determination on the compliance of the 2015 Annual Report, and is requesting any written stakeholder comments by **Friday, July 22, 2016**. Please submit written comments via email to the CalRecycle Carpet Team at carpet@calrecycle.ca.gov.

California Program's Progress: 1st Half of 2016

2016 is halfway over, and the first six months of 2016 have seen a steady increase in gross collections, reuse, recycled output utilization in secondary products and net diversion, along with a continuing decline in pounds of carpet sent to landfill. Program accomplishments for the first half of 2016 include:

- Five **drop-off sites** added to the CARE Carpet Drop-Off Site program, which now supports 30 drop-off sites in 30 counties.
- \$2 million in **grants** awarded to 6 capital improvement and 3 product testing projects, with 85% of funding allocated for California-based projects.
- \$500,000 in **grants** offered for procurement of post-consumer carpet products by California public entities - proposals are due September 30, 2016.
- Two **stakeholder workshops** held in March, along with the formation and completion of four meetings of the new California Council on Carpet Recycling provided vital input on

Program offerings and the new 5-year Plan presently under development.

- Over **1,100 California carpet retailers visited** in person by our outreach team, in addition to a multi-touch effort to inform all retailers of the April assessment increase.

For more information, see Section 11 - 2016 Updates in the [2015 Annual Report](#).

California Council Concludes Fourth Meeting This Year

The California Council on Carpet Recycling met for the fourth time this year on June 22 in Sacramento. The Council was created to provide insights, feedback and suggestions

to the California Carpet Stewardship Program. The Council's primary focus so far has been to refine priorities for the 2017 California Carpet Stewardship Plan, which will be submitted to CalRecycle later this year. The new Plan will guide the Program for the next 5 years. CARE wishes to thank the 18 members for contributing their time, expertise and energy.



Participants at the June 22 Council meeting

Learn more about the Council and its members [here](#).

CARE Welcomes Two New Drop-Off Sites

Two new sites have joined CARE's California Drop-off Site program:

Industrial Carting and Global Materials Recovery Services - Santa Rosa, Sonoma County

MarBorg industries C&D Recycling Center - Santa Barbara

CARE supports drop-off sites by providing:

- A semi-trailer or cargo container for collection
- 3rd party hauling to bring carpet material to recyclers
- Promotional materials for local government and the hosting facility
- Assistance from CARE staff

CARE intends to set up one carpet recycling drop-off site in every county by July 2017.

To see if there is a CARE sponsored drop-off site in your county, visit the drop-off site map [here](#). If you would like to set up a carpet recycling drop-off site, please contact: CA@carpetrecovery.org.

Attending the CRRRA Conference? Come Say Hi!

The California Resource Recovery Association's [Annual Conference](#) takes place August 7-10 in Sacramento. CARE will present a session on Tuesday, August 9 at 2 p.m. and also will participate as an exhibitor. We look forward to meeting the attendees, answering questions and gaining feedback. Please stop by and say hi!

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