



Cycle 2 Micro Grants for Collection/Reuse (Cycle 2M)

Questions and Answers

1. Question: Can Cycle 2M funds be used for labor or tip fees?

Answer: Cycle 2M funds will not be approved for ongoing operations labor for collection and/or reuse. Cycle 2M funds may, however, be used for labor costs to construct new infrastructure or improvements at collection and/or reuse sites. CARE pays for tip fees at the processor for CARE drop-off sites only. Post-consumer carpet (PCC) collection sites or potential PCC collection sites may contact Lisa Mekis (lmekis@carpetrecovery.org, for northern CA) or Jared Zitron (jzitron@carpetrecovery.org, for southern CA) to inquire about becoming a CARE drop-off site.

2. Question: Is there a local match required to apply for a Cycle 2M grant?

Answer: Cycle 2M does not require that applicants provide a project funding match in cash or in-kind. Matching funds, however, may earn applicants a higher score from the project review committee, according to the Cycle 2M scoring criteria.

3. Question: Will Cycle 2M funds be awarded in advance of project implementation, or will funds be reimbursed after the applicant provides invoices and proof of payment for project expenditures?

Answer: In general, Cycle 2M will require that the project expend funds first, then request reimbursement along with the proper documentation. CARE may, however, consider paying a vendor or a lender directly if this reimbursement policy places a hardship on the grant recipient.