Capital Improvements Grant (Cycle 6A) Questions and Answers

Question: Our company is thinking about purchasing roll-off bins, trailers and a roll-off truck. Would these expenditures qualify for reimbursement under this grant cycle?

Answer: Collection containers, including roll-off bins and trailers, are eligible for Cycle 6A funding if they are intended to collect California-sourced post-consumer carpet (PCC), currently being landfilled, which will be recycled or reused as a result of the grant. Vehicles are not eligible expenses under Cycle 6A.

Question: Can a capital improvements grantee apply for equipment that transforms a CA-sourced PCC component into a more valuable and marketable form?

Answer: The capital improvements grant cycle will consider funding projects that improve CA-sourced PCC processing and recycled output, resulting in more PCC being pulled into secondary products ready for sale.

Question: Could you say what would generally be considered a competitive project or amount to request under Cycle 6A?

Answer: Under the Cycle 6A grant solicitation, applicants may ask for up to $500,000, although CARE will be able to award a greater number of total grants within its budget if requests fall well below the $500,000 maximum. It is most important that the project have a significant impact in terms of collected, recycled and/or remanufactured CA-sourced PCC pounds per grant dollar requested. It is also important that the applicant can verify the technical feasibility of its project, and that it has secured sources of additional PCC and/or customers for its recycled and/or manufactured output.

Product Testing Grant (Cycle 5B) Questions and Answers

Question: Can a product testing applicant apply for funds to expand its technology or services in the marketplace?

Answer: CARE will consider projects that test or improve new technologies, or test or improve the expansion of technology or services in the marketplace, serving PCC collectors, recyclers and manufacturers. These projects must be intended to trial initiatives that will ultimately expand CA-sourced PCC collection, reuse, recycling or remanufacturing.