Mattress Collection Facilities Improvement Funding

Application Solicitation

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Due Date: Open until further notice

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BACKGROUND

The Mattress Recycling Council California, LLC (MRC) is soliciting applications to establish new or improve existing California mattress (unit) collection locations. Based on the applications received in response to this request, MRC may provide funding for infrastructure improvements and/or equipment that will result in one or more of the following:

1. improve the recyclability of discarded units by providing weather protection for collected units
2. result in fewer units being landfilled
3. create program efficiencies, such as increasing worker safety or decreasing program transportation costs
4. prevent potential program hazards such as facility fires and vandalism

ELIGIBLE RESPONDENTS

- California solid waste facilities and other entities collecting units from the public at no-cost for recycling may submit applications in response to this solicitation. Eligible entities may include private solid waste companies, transfer stations, landfills, recycling centers, non-profits, and government-owned or controlled entities. An eligible entity that operates more than one collection site may submit separate applications for each site.
- New mattress collection locations are eligible for funding if they are willing to become an MRC-contracted collection site for at least one year after receiving funds.
- Mattress manufacturers or retailers are eligible to apply for funding if they agree to accept units from the public for at least one year after receiving funds.
- Entities that received a previous collection site award may also apply for funding if the project is significantly different from other projects funded by MRC. Eligible respondents may apply for up to one award per year per site.
- MRC-contracted mattress recyclers are not eligible.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

- Infrastructure
  - Improvements that:
    - Keep units clean and dry (cement pads or carport-type coverage)
    - Aid in loading units into 53’ trailers (ramps, stairs, z-walls, etc.)
    - Help prevent vandalism, such as fencing and lighting
- Equipment
  - May include container cover retrofits, forklift attachments or other equipment used solely for the purpose of loading discarded units or keeping discarded units clean/dry
  - Multiple pieces of equipment may be combined into one application
  - MRC will not fund replacement parts or other maintenance costs
PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

- Projects must result in expansion of, or improvements to collection infrastructure by keeping collected units dry or clean, resulting in fewer units being landfilled, and/or improving collection, storage, safety and transportation efficiencies. An award recipient must demonstrate whether it achieved the intended benefits as a result of an award.
- MRC assumes no liability or ownership for infrastructure or equipment purchased with MRC funding.
- Projects that result in fewer units being landfilled will be prioritized.
- MRC will fund no more than one award per eligible site, per year.
- Respondents must have or obtain all local and state permits for the project before award funds are disbursed.
- Respondents are encouraged, but not required, to discuss in its application whether it will provide matching funds to the project.
- All projects must be completed within 12 months of contract execution.
- Any entity receiving funding must remain under contract to MRC to collect mattresses from the public for a minimum of one year after receiving funds.

USE OF AWARD FUNDS

Eligible Costs:
- Direct, actual costs for infrastructure or equipment for use at mattress and box spring collection sites.

Ineligible Costs:
- Maintenance costs or replacement equipment or parts
- Costs incurred before contract execution or after the end of the project term
- Education and outreach materials
- Overhead or salaries
- Costs unrelated to the awarded project
- Costs related to mattress collection events or illegal dumping (funded by separate program budgets)

FUNDING

Awards are limited to $10,000 per eligible site, contingent upon the availability of funds.
**SCORING CRITERIA**

Applications will be reviewed within 10 business days and will be ranked from 0-100, according to the following criteria.

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| 5      | **QUALITY OF APPLICATION:**  
• Application is complete and on time |
| 20     | **RESPONDENT QUALIFICATIONS**  
• Respondent has a successful history in its industry  
• Respondent has implemented similar projects with success  
• Respondent has the resources necessary to complete the project |
| 50     | **PROJECT IMPACT**  
• Additional tonnage/units of mattresses recycled is significant; reduces landfilled units; projections are justified  
• Program efficiencies are improved in terms of safety or reduced transportation costs with more units loaded per container  
• Project description is robust; clearly demonstrates the need for new infrastructure/equipment |
| 10     | **PROJECT WORK PLAN**  
• Work plan is logical, efficient and includes measurable outcomes and explicit deadlines  
• Speed to delivery is high |
| 15     | **PROJECT BUDGET/COST EFFECTIVENESS**  
• Project costs are justified, cost effective  
• Respondent provides matching funds (optional) |
APPLICATION GUIDELINES AND FEEDBACK

Applicants must complete the application template including:

- **Respondent’s name and contact information** — at least 2 contacts
- A description of the respondent’s industry history and experience with similar projects
- A project description that clearly outlines the impact in terms of additional units/tonnage diverted from landfill; improved recyclability of mattresses; and improvements to transportation, costs, safety or other efficiencies
- A project work plan
- A project budget, any matching funds from the respondent (optional), and a clear request for a specific amount of award funding – template provided
- Equipment quotes are recommended as supporting documentation

Comments and questions should be emailed to Abbie Beane at abeane@mrc-us.org. Applications that do not follow the application guidelines may be considered nonresponsive.

Respondents should describe in detail any potential conflicts of interest with MRC leadership or employees, or former employment in the mattress industry, within their applications.

Award recipients will be required to agree to MRC’s Project Terms and Conditions as well as complete regular reporting requirements that include photo documentation of project progress. MRC may conduct site visits and use project documentation for CalRecycle annual reporting and communication purposes. Confidential information must be clearly marked as such and may be subject to regulatory disclosure requirements of CalRecycle or other state entities. Award recipients will be compensated on a reimbursement basis. Eligible sites must be under contract to MRC to collect mattresses for a minimum of one year after receiving award funds. If a recipient terminates the contract within one year of receiving funds, the recipient will return all funds to MRC within 30 days of contract termination. Award recipients must use MRC-funded equipment and/or infrastructure only for their approved purpose.