Mattress Recycling Council®

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
MATTRESS COLLECTION FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT FUNDING

What is the purpose of this funding?

The purpose of this funding is to establish new or improve existing California mattress collection locations through investments that increase mattress recyclability, operational safety or efficiency.

Who is eligible for this funding?

Public and private entities located in California that are no-cost public collection sites for the Mattress Recycling Council (MRC) are eligible. This includes mattresses manufacturers and retailers. Mattress recyclers are not eligible. MRC will consider one application per funding cycle per eligible site.

What are eligible funding expenditures?

This funding can be used for equipment, infrastructure and related installation cost that will increase mattress recyclability or operations safety and/or efficiency. Examples include weather covers, cement pads, ramps, stairs, z-walls and forklift attachments. Multiple pieces of equipment may be combined into one application. Maintenance costs are generally not eligible.

What is the maximum award amount?

Entities may apply for up to $15,000 per project, per award cycle.

What is the project completion timeline?

Awardees will have 12 months from the date of contract execution to complete infrastructure construction and/or purchase approved equipment.

What are other project requirements?

Awardees must obtain all applicable permits before funds are disbursed. Awardees must also remain under contract with MRC to collect mattresses from the public for a minimum of one year after receiving funds.

Do applicants need to contribute funding to the project?

MRC does not require but encourages applicants to contribute funds to the proposed project.

What are the project selection criteria?

MRC scores proposals out of 100 points based on the quality of the proposal (5%), respondent qualifications and resources (20%), project impact and description (50%), project work plan (10%), and project budget and cost effectiveness (15%).

What are awardee reporting requirements?

MRC requires one progress report and one final report as well as “before” and “after” project photos. Confidential information must be clearly marked as such and may be subject to regulatory disclosure requirements of CalRecycle.

How do award payments work?

MRC will reimburse award recipients for approved equipment, infrastructure and other materials after an invoice and proof of payment is submitted to MRC.

How do I apply for project funding?

Please find MRC's RFP, application and budget templates HERE

For more information about MRC's research efforts visit mattressrecyclingcouncil.org/research/