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Re: Questions and Answers to MRC Micro Grants for Collections (Cycle 1 Collections)

1. *Comment:* For the benefit of California solid waste facilities and other entities under contract to MRC, please consider broadening the eligibility of the micro grants to non-MRC contractors if their proposal is: a creative project, that can be replicated by, and benefit those under contract with MRC.

Answer: MRC has limited eligible applicants to those under contract with MRC for Cycle 1 Collections. Future micro grant cycles for mattress collections may be open to applicants not currently under contract with MRC.

2. *Question:* What micro grant funding is available and what are eligible projects?

Answer: The total amount of micro funding available is \$200,000, and grant awards are limited to \$10,000 per eligible site. Eligible projects are described within the Cycle 1 Collections solicitation, and include equipment or infrastructure that will increase the recyclability of mattresses, reduce landfilling of mattresses, and/or increase the efficiency of mattress collection in terms of cost and/or operations.

3. *Question:* What would go under “deliverables” on the work plan document?

Answer: On the work plan document, an activity is an action the project will take to achieve the deliverable, or the tangible outcome. For example, if the activity is purchasing a carport, the deliverable might be a finished weather cover for mattresses that increases the number of recyclable mattresses by a certain percentage annually.

4. *Question:* Are we eligible for grant funding if we have partnered with mattress recycler DR3 and MRC in the past and participate in MRC’s Illegally Dumped Mattress Reimbursement Program?

Answer: No. This grant cycle is open only to MRC-contracted collection sites. However, future micro grant cycles may consider illegal dump collectors provided the collected mattresses can be recycled and not landfilled.

5. *Question:* If one applicant wants to apply for a grant for each of three eligible sites, can all information be included in one application packet?

Answer: MRC will accept three separate applications for three individual sites. Alternatively, the three individual sites may be combined into one application that clearly states there are three locations. Applicants should complete a separate budget and work plan template for each site.