Mattress Collection Facilities Improvement Funding

Cycle 3C

Application Solicitation

Release Date: May 21, 2020

Due Date: July 17, 2020

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BACKGROUND

The Mattress Recycling Council California, LLC (MRC) is soliciting applications to establish new or improve existing California-based locations collecting discarded mattresses and box-springs (units) for dismantling by MRC-contracted mattress recyclers. 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

The deadline for submitting responses is July 17, 2020. All projects for Cycle 3C must be completed by June 30, 2021. Projects that will be completed in 2020 will be prioritized.

ELIGIBLE RESPONDENTS

- California solid waste facilities and other entities collecting units from the public 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.
- Entities that received a Cycle 1C or Cycle 2C grant from MRC may also apply for Cycle 3C funding if the project is significantly different from the other projects funded by MRC.
- Mattress retailers or manufacturers are not eligible to submit applications under this solicitation.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

- Infrastructure
  - Improvements to new or existing public mattress collection sites that:
    - keep units clean and dry (cement pads or carport-type coverage)
    - aid in loading units into 53’ trailers (ramps, stairs, z-walls, etc.)
- 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

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

- Projects must result in expansion of or improvements to collection infrastructure by keeping collected units dry, 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 and have an impact in 2020 will be prioritized.
- MRC will fund no more than one award per eligible site, per award cycle.
- Respondents must have or obtain all project local, state and federal permits before award funds are disbursed.
- A respondent is encouraged, but not required, to discuss in its application whether it will provide matching funds to the project.
- Any entity receiving Cycle 3C funding must remain under contract to MRC to collect mattresses from the public for a minimum of 1 year after receiving award 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
- Costs incurred before the Notice to Proceed 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**

MRC has allocated up to $200,000 for this funding cycle. Awards are limited to $10,000 per eligible site. Additional funding cycles may be released based on available funds and Program goals.

**TIMELINE**

The application deadline is July 17, 2020. MRC will prioritize projects that will be completed in 2020. All projects for Cycle 3C must be completed by June 30, 2021. The following timeline is subject to revision by MRC.

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**SCORING CRITERIA**

MRC will rank applications based on a score of 0-100, according to the following set of criteria. All scoring criteria are subject to revision by MRC:

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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 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

Applicants should consider attaching equipment quotes to their application. Comments and questions should be emailed to Abbie Beane. Applications must be emailed by 5:00 PST July 17, 2020 to Abbie Beane at abeane@mattressrecyclingcouncil.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 1 year after receiving award funds. If a recipient terminates the contract within 1 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.