



Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

Reduce, Reuse, Reimagine: Materials Management Grants Program

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Hello!

My name is Haley, and I am excited to introduce myself as well as share some news about DEQ's Materials Management Grants Program. I began in the role as DEQ's Materials Management Grants Coordinator in October 2022 with a big undertaking in front of me: to address some of the inequities and inefficiencies of our application process and to better align the program with [the 2050 Vision for Materials Management and 2020 Framework for Action](#). It has been a busy 16 months, and we are happy to share information about the redesigned program, which will be relaunched this year.

The first update we are happy to announce is the new program name: **Reduce, Reuse, Reimagine: Materials Management Grants**. We hope our new name ignites creativity as you think of community and environmentally focused work you would like to see implemented in your area!

Here are some other brief updates we are excited to share at this time:

- **Funding Amount:** We will be awarding up to \$1 million in grants during this first cycle.
- **Upfront Funding:** The majority of funds will be disbursed up front, instead of by reimbursement. Disbursements will be made in several installments over the grant period.
- **Funding Range:** The project funding range is \$25,000 to \$125,000. Projects may take up to two years to be completed.
- **Application Process:** The solicitation period will open later this spring with a simple pre-application. Following an eligibility screen, the most competitive projects will be invited to submit a full application.
- **First-Time Applicants:** Extra points will be awarded to first-time applicants and we strongly encourage projects that address inequities in BIPOC, rural, and underrepresented communities to apply.

[You can visit our website](#) for more information about the 2024 solicitation period and view additional background information on our program. Please stay tuned as we will share more information through this newsletter and our website in the coming months.

If you have any questions, please reach out to our grants team at: RRRGrants@deq.oregon.gov

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