

## Materials Management Grant Focus Area

### Introduction

The Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) [Materials Management Program](#) funds projects on a yearly basis that support [Oregon's 2050 Vision for materials management](#). Since 1991, DEQ has awarded over \$9 million in materials management grants. Grants are for projects that reduce impacts across the full cycle of materials and products. The lifecycle of materials and products includes product design, raw material extraction, manufacturing, transport, consumption, use, reuse, repair, recovery through recycling, composting or anaerobic digestion, and disposal.

### Focus Area: Partnerships Involving Community-Based Organizations (CBOs)

This year, the Grant Program aims to foster new partnerships between CBOs and environmental organizations in Oregon.

- Focus points will be given to projects involving two or more organizations where materials management outcomes would assist a local community in Oregon. The implementation must also include extensive involvement from a CBO that is representative of or has successfully served the target community. Applicant must demonstrate that the project would foster or establish a new partnership with a CBO (e.g., a partnership formed January 1, 2016 or later).
- Projects that fall within this focus area can earn additional focus points if the applicant or CBO has never received an award from the Materials Management Grant Program.

### Definitions

#### Community-Based Organizations (CBOs)

For the purposes of the focus area, a CBO is defined as an incorporated non-profit organization (including, but not limited to, environmental justice networks, faith based organizations, grassroots level regional advocacy groups and representatives of the business community); and tribal governments and tribal organizations of the federally recognized nine tribes in Oregon. Other groups may be considered depending on the focus of the project.

#### CBO Involvement

Extensive involvement of a CBO means that the CBO is involved in several actions or stages of the development and implementation of the project. Merely having the CBO submit a general letter of support stating that the project is a good idea will not be sufficient to be considered for focus points.

#### New Partnership

To be considered for focus points, applicants partnering with a CBO can demonstrate that the partnership was formed within the last three years by submitting a letter signed by both parties affirming that the parties have not previously worked together on a contract before January 1, 2016, or other documentation affirming this statement.



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