Questions and Answers for Region 5 FY20 Sustainable Materials Management RFA

Questions and Answers for March 20, 2020

Were there additional grants awarded after 2015? Are there examples/products of these grants available?

Region 5 awarded one other grant in 2017 at approximately \$54k. However, please refer to the funding ranges in the current RFA because they reflect the estimated funds for 2020.

In 2015 the RFA priority opportunity was on reducing/preventing food waste in schools and in 2017 the RFA priority was either to reduce/prevent food waste in a tribal community or identify and improve the understanding of recycling end markets for packaging or C&D materials. Some of the results from the 2017 grant project are discussed in this SMM academy webinar:

https://www.epa.gov/smm/sustainable-materials-management-smm-web-academy-webinar-construction-and-demolition-materials.

Once again, the 2020 RFA has different priorities and funding amounts so please refer to the full RFA for information.

Can I apply in an EPA region other than Region 5?

The RFA is open to applicants nationwide. However, as is stated in the RFA, the projects must benefit Region 5. Region 5 includes Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin.

Do the RFA priorities only pertain to the topics of Recycled Plastics and/or Paper Markets in Region 5 or Strategies for Preventing Food Loss and Waste and/or Diverting Wasted Food from Landfills in Region 5?

Projects must address at least one of these priorities to be eligible. Please refer to the complete RFA for more information.