

**Waste Prevention Steering Committee  
Minutes for the Funding Evaluation Subcommittee  
November 20, 2007**

**Attendees:**

*Members:* Bryan Mitosky, Vicky Tebbitts, Jessica Edgarly & Ray McKenzie in person. Erich Kruger & Valerie Rickman via phone

*DEC Staff:* Julie Hackbarth & Jeff Fehrs

**Agenda:**

- 1. Review list of funding recommendations (including any additional recommendations submitted by larger stakeholder group) and Brainstorm the top recommendations-:** The list of funding recommendations was reviewed and assess their appropriateness for parts of the solid waste program/ system that require funding. Initially large amounts of money are needed for one time costs for infrastructure and equipment and can be provided by venture capital, grants and bonding. Revenue could be put into some sort of general pool for construct infrastructure. Subsequently other revenue sources such as impact fees, taxes and user fees can be pooled to fund programs for education, programs & technical assistance. Once constructed tipping fees paid by the consumer can provide the revenue to operate the facility and get the materials to markets. Life cycle analyses can indentify entrepreneur opportunities that might otherwise be missed or overlooked. The point was made that how ever waste are managed other than landfilling, the system should avoid creating unanticipated costs or impacts related to trucking, road impacts, air pollution, & carbon neutrality. There was discussion about building incentives into the system which favor waste reduction & diversion rather than disposal. There was the recommendation to establish a capital fund based on taxing the bad (i.e. waste requiring disposal and manufacture of disposal goods). Require Pay as You Throw. Creating a good infrastructure can create incentive.

There were beginnings of a discussion about what a cap and trade program might look like for solid waste which could involve a cap on the amount of waste into landfills.

For both product steward ship and R&D the funding sources would not be much different than the other categories. The next step would be to look at specific waste streams and determine specifically which sources of funding make sense for that waste stream.

In conclusion – An overall conclusion of the discussion is that the current funding scenario needs to change. The system should provide a disincentive for waste production and incentive for waste prevention and diversion (reduction) (PAYT, increasing the solid waste tax). Also responsibility should be placed on the manufacturers. Also the system should be sustainable.

- Rank funding ideas based on results of discussion:** The committee identified the top recommendations which are outlined below. Source of funds that did make it to the top were ones that were viewed as not appropriate for the particular part of the solid waste system/program or because of the political climate, challenges, and likelihood of moving forward.

SOURCE OF FUNDS	Capital Costs For Infrastructure &, equipment	Education	Staff Resources/tech assistance (State)	Staff Resources/tech assistance (Districts)	Product Stewardship
<b>GRANTS</b>					
Private Grants	X	X			
Bonding	X				
Federal and State Grants	X		X	X	
<b>PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP FUNDING MODELS</b>					
Escheat \$\$ (unreturned bottle deposits)					
ARF (Advance Recycling Fee)			X		X
Market Share (E-Waste)			X		X
<b>VENTURE CAPITAL</b>	X				
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL FUNDS???</b> (need a better name)					
PAYT & Cap and trade for waste generation			X	X	

Sell carbon credits for waste prevention					
Net metering for waste					
<b>STATE APPROPRIATIONS</b>					
General fund - VT Legislature			X		
Capital BillFund - VT Legislature	X				
Department of Education - State & Federal		X			
District Surcharges				X	
<b>FINES</b>					
Environmental Fines (SEPs)					
<b>COST SHIFTING</b>					
Increase State solid waste tax	X	X	X	X	
impact fees for product lifecycle costs					
Remove virgin subsidies					
Packaging tax					X
Tax on fossil fuels					
tax on toxicity					
<b>USER FEES</b>					
User fees for peer to peer consulting					