

Request for Proposals

Vermont Agency of Natural Resources
Construction Waste and Demolition Debris (C&D) Waste Reduction Grants
September, 2005

Background:

In 2001, the State adopted the *Vermont Revised Solid Waste Management Plan* (<http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/wastediv/solid/SWPlanning.htm>), which identified critical solid waste management issues facing the state, established goals to address the critical issues, and developed action plans to reach the goals. As waste generated from new construction, renovation and demolition (C&D) comprises over 20 percent of the State's total waste, reducing this waste stream was a priority. The Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) currently helps to minimize construction and demolition debris (C&D) by:

- Providing information on local salvage and recycling markets (<http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/wastediv/recycling/c&d.htm>),
- Reviewing and assisting with waste reduction planning on large building projects requiring Act 250 permits,
- Providing grants for C&D related activities (such as researching new markets, new business planning, and job-site waste reduction programs),
- Providing a web-based clearinghouse of resources to help builders and contractors reduce their wastes.
- working with the Vermont Green Building Network (www.VGBN.org) to provide comprehensive information on environmental building.
- Funding the Vermont Business Materials Exchange to find new uses for construction discards. www.VBMX.net

C&D Grants Program:

*The Agency is offering grants throughout the fiscal year (or until funds have been spent), to reduce building waste. It is currently offering **Job-site grants** and **Market Development grants**.*

The goals of the grants program are to:

- Help building owners, project managers, contractors, builders, salvage and recycling businesses, and solid waste haulers gain experience preventing waste and salvaging and recycling project wastes;
- Generate data on project costs, savings and amount of wastes diverted from disposal;
- Encourage innovative waste reduction methods and strategies;
- Create and expand markets for salvaged and recycled materials.

Eligibility and Eligible Costs:

Who is eligible? Contractors, builders, solid waste districts, municipalities, salvage and recycling businesses, haulers, and building owners.

What types of projects are eligible for reimbursement?

1. **Job-site projects** – Innovative or comprehensive waste management practices on new construction, deconstruction, or renovation projects. Funds can be used to cover salvage and recycling costs. Funds cannot be used for disposal or burning for energy. Examples of funded expenses include additional container rental, hauling and signs. Costs cannot exceed \$5,000 per project.

2. **Projects to develop new or expand existing C&D markets** – The Agency is interested in fostering new markets for C&D materials, and strengthening and expanding current markets. Projects eligible for funding may include: developing more economic and convenient opportunities to separate and haul C&D materials off site, developing a new recycling process or improving an existing one. Expenses that are eligible for reimbursement include (but are not limited to) research, marketing and feasibility, capital, transportation and/or administrative costs. The Agency requires a minimum of 25 percent share from the applicant for market proposals.

Applicants can call Carolyn Grodinsky (802) 241-3477 or Buzz Surwilo (802) 241-3481 if they have questions regarding the eligibility of their project.

Note: Grantees will be required to provide certificates of insurance to show minimum liability, worker's compensation and automotive coverages are in effect.

Submission Process:

For Job Site applications

1. Completed project Waste Reduction Plan. Call (802) 241-3444 for a blank plan template or download one off the C&D web site at:
www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/wastediv/recycling/pubs/ACT250template.doc
2. Itemized funding request (container rental, signs, etc...)

Note: For all job-site projects awarded grant funding, funds will be reimbursed upon completion of an ANR Tracking Form and an ANR Evaluation Form. (The Tracking Form itemizes all costs and amounts of materials from each project.)

<http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/wastediv/recycling/pubs/Buzzs%20I%20and%20II%20.doc>

For new or expanded Market proposals

1. Applicant name and qualifications of person/business conducting the project.
2. Target material(s) for diversion.
3. Detailed description of the project.
4. Itemized funding requested, including cost estimates for each task. (also to include applicant's share in the project and all in-kind funding)
5. Letter of support from two "stakeholders" such as the local solid waste district.

The following criteria will be used to evaluate job-site applications:

- A completed, comprehensive, well-researched Waste Reduction Plan with defined goals (for example -- to reach a 70% waste diversion goal through on site reuse, salvage and recycling),
- Whether waste reduction specifications have been included in the construction contract,
- Commitment from staff to implement, track and evaluate the program.

The following criteria will be used to evaluate market applications:

1. Likelihood of achieving project results,
2. Sustainability and viability of the project,
3. Extent to which project creates or expands a convenient and economic system to reduce waste and provides a reuse and recycling option, particularly in under-serviced areas of the State,
4. Qualifications of entity or person(s) conducting the project.

The Agency reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

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