



Re+ City Grant | Project Examples

To support cities in developing their grant proposals, King County Solid Waste Division (SWD) has identified project examples for cities to consider that contribute to the Re+ zero waste of resources goal. This list is not exhaustive or inclusive of all projects that meet eligibility criteria. SWD also encourages cities to join together to develop joint proposals that can leverage more funds and potentially have a greater impact. If you have questions about project eligibility, please email circulargrants@kingcounty.gov.

Prevention and reuse

Name	Material	Description	Contact to learn more
Bring Your Own Cup campaign	Paper, plastic	King County Eastside cities recently partnered to launch a successful Bring Your Own Cup campaign to reduce waste from single-use cups. Cities can use grant funds to expand this campaign or adapt it for new jurisdictions.	Erin Hislop, Bellevue ehislop@bellevuewa.gov ; Emily Warnock, Bothell, emily.warnock@bothellwa.gov ; Jenna McInnis, Kirkland jmcinnis@kirklandwa.gov ; Stacey Auer, Redmond slauer@redmond.gov
Reuse incentives for restaurants	Paper, plastic	Offer an incentive program for food businesses to shift from single-use serviceware to durables for dine-in. The one-time incentive could be applied to cover the costs of dishwashers, durable dishware, or online systems for reuse services.	Heather Trim, Zero Waste Washington heather@zerowastewashington.org
Help schools and school districts switch to durables	Plastic	Work with the SWD Green Schools Program to help schools and school districts switch from single-use milk cartons to milk dispensers and reusable cups. See <i>Analysis of Milk Dispensers and Milk Cartons</i> and a short video about milk dispensers on the Green Schools Program Reducing Food Waste in Schools web page.	Dale Alekel, SWD dale.alekel@kingcounty.gov

Food Too Good to Waste campaign	Organics - food	The Food Too Good to Waste campaign helps residents make small changes to waste less food while saving time and money. Cities can run a Food Too Good to Waste campaign in their jurisdiction by leveraging materials that the Solid Waste Division has produced, such as print guides, digital ads, and graphics. Grant funds could support ad buys, print runs, mailings, etc.	Kelsey Bailey, SWD kebailey@kingcounty.gov
Promote repair through repair events or listings	Multiple	Potentially modeled after Solid Waste Division's repair events program and repair businesses directory , offer repair events or other resources to help residents repair small household and personal items. These projects reduce waste, conserve resources, and build community.	Tom Watson, SWD Tom.watson@kingcounty.gov
Recycle Right or Compost Right campaigns	Multiple	The Recycle Right and Compost Right campaigns help residents reduce contamination in the recycling and compost streams. Cities can implement these campaigns in their jurisdiction by leveraging material produced by the Solid Waste Division. Grant funds could support ad buys, print runs, mailings, etc.	Joe Basile, SWD jbasile@kingcounty.gov View campaign toolkits here.
Tool library	Multiple	Establish a local tool library with the help of South King Tool Library's (SKTL) Tool Library Incubator Program (TOOLIP) that guides others that want to start a tool library. The city must help find space and hire a coordinator.	Amanda Miller, South King Tool Library (SKTL) director@southkingtools.org

Recycling

Name	Material	Description	Contact to learn more
Business outreach for the Organics Management Law (HB 1799)	Organics - food	Support businesses in setting up organics management service and establishing best practices to comply with the new Organics Management Law. Grant funds can be used to survey the needs of food-generating businesses, provide technical assistance, and offer supplies such as compost containers, signage, and training material.	Joan Nelson, Auburn jnelson@auburnwa.gov Erin Hislop, Bellevue ehislop@bellevuewa.gov ; Emily Warnock, Bothell, emily.warnock@bothellwa.gov ;

			Jenna McInnis, Kirkland jmcinnis@kirklandwa.gov ; Stacey Auer, Redmond saur@redmond.gov ; Sarah Bruemmer, Shoreline sbruemmer@shorelinewa.gov
Compost purchases and giveaways	Organics	Support market development for compost and implementation of the Organics Management Law (HB 1799) by purchasing compost made from organic material collected within the King County service area. Cities can purchase compost to spread in greenspaces or parks. Cities can also contract with Cedar Grove to provide delivery for a residential compost giveaway event.	Kelsey Bailey, SWD kebailey@kingcounty.gov
Community composting	Organics - food	Set up a community compost program in a local park or P-Patch with help from expert composters and others that have experience setting up community composting. Yard and food scraps can come from households or local restaurants.	Restaurant 2 Garden
Multi-family recycling	Multiple	Increase the number of multi-family residences providing on-site service by recruiting properties to participate, providing educational materials and technical assistance, offering supplies such as food scrap collection buckets, and monitoring contamination.	Erin Hislop, Bellevue ehislop@bellevuewa.gov ; Tony Donati, Kent tdonati@kentwa.gov ; Sarah Bruemmer, Shoreline sbruemmer@shorelinewa.gov ;
Recycling contract updates	Multiple	Cities that are going out for bid for new recycling collection/processing contracts or amending their hauler contracts can hire a consultant to help harmonize recycling lists, require more transparency around responsible recycling end markets, and incorporate embedded organics service or policies to incentivize organics collection.	Eliza Kruszynski, SWD ekruszynski@kingcounty.gov
Support recycling at special events	Multiple	Support planning and staffing to sort for recycling, composting, and disposal at events and community gatherings. This could include food collection points at farmers' markets.	Emily Warnock, Bothell, emily.warnock@bothellwa.gov Eliza Kruszynski, SWD ekruszynski@kingcounty.gov

Sustainable purchasing	Multiple	Hire a consultant to help the city adopt sustainable purchasing frameworks, fund a sustainable purchasing staff position, and/or supplement the cost of goods or services that have reduced climate impacts. King County's Sustainable Purchasing website offers opportunities for jurisdictions to reduce the environmental impacts of their purchases and lists available contracts for piggybacking to procure more sustainable goods. Funds could also be used to purchase salvaged lumber for city projects.	Elly Trinh, SWD elly.trinh@kingcounty.gov
Voucher program for recycling	Multiple	Vouchers give residents the option of disposing of their bulky recyclable or organic items at a time convenient to them at a transfer station, as opposed to at a single recycling collection event. Vouchers can be mailed to residents or made available at a local business or government office.	Emily Warnock, Bothell, emily.warnock@bothellwa.gov

Equity and social justice (ESJ)

Name	Material	Description	Contact to learn more
Equity technical assistance	Multiple	Hire a consultant to review the city's current waste prevention and recycling efforts and identify opportunities and actions the city can take to more equitably serve frontline communities.	Melissa Banales Mejia, mbanalesmejia@kingcounty.gov
In-language outreach	Multiple	Recicla Mas! Es Facilísimo (Recycle More! It's Easy) is the Solid Waste Division's Spanish-language curbside recycling outreach program. Cities can use SWD's Spanish-language recycling guides or social media posts to do outreach in their jurisdiction. Cities could also work with SWD's Facilitadoras de reciclaje to provide in-person Spanish language outreach at events or to residents/businesses. SWD can also support cities' planning outreach to other language groups by providing transcreated educational materials in other languages.	Hannah Scholes, hscholes@kingcounty.gov