



Arizona Recycling Coalition Grant

Overview

Since 1993, the Arizona Recycling Coalition (AzRC) has awarded over \$280,000 in funding to nonprofit organizations, local governments, tribal nations, schools, entrepreneurs, and local businesses to increase recycling and divert waste from landfill. AzRC is a nonprofit organization of professionals and citizens pledged to promote recycling efforts in Arizona's private, public, and nonprofit sectors.

Purpose

Recycling and the circular economy are essential to our community; they conserve natural resources, help the environment, and create a more sustainable Arizona. The AzRC grants program intends to develop new measurable initiatives to improve the recovery of recyclables and the circularity of Arizona's economy. AzRC will award a winning applicant up to \$5,000 in grant funding.

Eligibility

Applicants as defined:

- In the recycling industry and engaged in collecting, transporting, processing, marketing or education/outreach of recyclable materials.
- Is a nonprofit, government agency, school, entrepreneur, or a tribal nation. Must provide proof of nonprofit status.
- AzRC member in good standing. If you or one of your team is not a member, part of the grant funding will be used for a one-year membership for the winning applicant.
- Applicant must demonstrate a commitment to sustaining the project beyond the grant term and explain how that commitment will be maintained.

Program eligibility as defined:

- Funding for a project that results in a measurable reduction of materials that would otherwise be landfilled.



Scoring Rubric

We review applications based on the following rubric:

- **Impact:** The impact the project will have on recycling and circular-related efforts in Arizona
- **Plausibility:** The likelihood that the goals outlined in the project proposal can be completed.
- **Creativity:** The project promotes new, innovative, and replicable ideas for recycling efforts and/or improves the recovery of recyclables and circularity in Arizona. Preference is given to ideas that haven't received awards in the past.
- **Financial viability:** The ability to demonstrate financial need for the project as well as the ability to sustain and operate after AzRC funds have been expended

How Winners Are Selected

All grants are handled by the AzRC's Grants, Scholarships, and Awards Chair (chair). All grant applications must be sent to Awards@ArizonaRecyclingCoalition.org by **11:59 pm on November 1, 2023**. Once the application closes, the Grants, Scholarships, and Awards Chair will review all applications. Invalid or incomplete applications will be discarded.

All valid and complete applications are scored according to the scoring rubric by each board member. Any board member with a conflict of interest with an applicant abstains from scoring the application. A blind scoring process is used so board members don't know how other board members score each applicant.

The chair collects all scored spreadsheets and synthesizes them into one spreadsheet. The chair leads a board discussion on who should receive funding. Once the board agrees, the grant winners are selected and contacted.

Application Deadline & Requirements

Grant applications must be submitted as ONE document (**PDF**) by **November 1, 2023** to Awards@ArizonaRecyclingCoalition.org. All applicants will receive confirmation of their electronic submission within 72 business hours. All applicants will be informed of their application status before the AzRC annual meeting in winter 2024. Winning applicants will be announced to the AzRC membership during the annual meeting.

We require that winning applicants:



- Attend the AzRC annual meeting and provide a five-minute presentation about their project.
- Credit AzRC and put the AzRC logo on relevant project materials.
- Participate in a video interview with the AzRC.
- Provide AzRC with a project update by June 30, 2024.

If you have any questions regarding your grant application, please contact us at Awards@ArizonaRecyclingCoalition.org.



Section 1: Applicant Information

Organization	
Federal ID Number	
Street Address	
City, State, Zip Code	
Applicant Name	
Applicant Title	
Phone	
Email	

Section 2: Project Summary

Provide a 100-word summary of the project:

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Section 3: Project Details

Attach additional pages as necessary. Each response must be numbered to correspond with the question. Applications will be evaluated based upon responses.

1. Describe the proposed project. Is it a new program or the expansion of an existing project/program? Has your organization or any aspect of the proposed project been awarded a grant from the AZRC? If so, please outline the project details including the date and amount awarded.

2. What is the cost of the proposed project and what other funding sources are being utilized for the project? If there aren't any additional funding sources, please demonstrate the financial need for this project.



3. Why is this project needed and who will the proposed project be serving? Where will the proposed project take place (what are the physical boundaries for the proposed project?)

4. List the resources to be collected, recycled, reused or repurposed. What is the expected outcome and impact of volume or tonnage for the proposed project?

5. Describe how and why the requested equipment or materials are needed to implement the proposed project.



6. Provide a timeline, Gantt chart, or another temporal-style graph for the proposed project. (Attach a separate document if necessary.)

7. Explain how the proposed project is new and innovative and how it promotes recycling efforts and/or improves the recovery of recyclables and circularity in Arizona. How could the proposed project be replicated by other communities, businesses or non-profits?



8. Who will be working on the proposed project? Are other organizations involved?

9. Describe how the proposed project will remain financially viable after grants funds have been expended. Will you be generating revenue or donations, applying for more grants, depending on volunteers or paid labor?

10. Describe the criteria and methods for measuring the success of the proposed project.



Section 4: Recycling Project Grant Expenditures

Complete the budget table below. The cost should be an estimate based on a submitted vendor quote/invoice.

Expenditures	Estimate
List in order of priority - #1 would be the first choice	
Total Grant Request	\$



Section 5: Authorized Signature

I hereby certify that the submission of this application has been duly authorized by the governing body of the entity and that I am legally authorized to sign this application. I hereby certify that all this information is correct to the best of knowledge:

Printed Name	
Signature	
Date	