



FRWD
Front Range
Waste Diversion

WASTE DIVERSION ON THE FRONT RANGE - RFA #SF061423

Application Due: June 14, 2023 by 3:00 p.m.

Background & Overview

The Colorado State Legislature established the Front Range Waste Diversion Enterprise (FRWD, or “forward”) in 2019 to advance sustainable waste diversion across the Front Range. The FRWD Enterprise consists of the FRWD board of directors and staff from the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment, and provides grants and technical assistance to Front Range communities to increase waste diversion to achieve the following waste diversion goals: 39% by 2026, and 51% by 2036. The FRWD enterprise fund is financed by an increase in user fees at Front Range landfills. Reaching Colorado’s ambitious waste diversion goals will take the active participation of every Front Range community, resident, and business.

This RFA focuses on advancing waste diversion through the following means:

- Construction and demolition (C&D) waste diversion and reduction, including infrastructure development for feasible and cost-effective methods such as manual separation at the source of generation (demolition projects, construction sites) or at another point the process, or mechanical separation processes.
- Organic waste projects to include infrastructure to increase collection and processing of organic waste.
- Recycling infrastructure and collections projects.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Applicants must show reuse, reduction, or diversion of a minimum of 1,000 additional tons¹ per year through the proposed project for the following counties: Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, El Paso, Jefferson, Larimer, and Weld.
- *NOTE:* In order to encourage projects advancing waste diversion in Teller, Pueblo, and Elbert Counties, these counties are not subject to the minimum tonnage requirements.
- *NOTE:* If lightweight materials are being diverted and tonnage is not an appropriate metric, the applicant should include volume. Volume should be measured by using the volume-to-weight conversion factors prepared by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), referenced on this [website](#).

Applicants who are shovel-ready² with projects meeting the minimum tonnage diversion requirements (for the specified counties) are invited to apply. Approximately \$5,000,000.00 is available in this funding cycle to support multiple projects. Applications must request a minimum of \$50,000 in FRWD grant funds and a maximum of \$5,000,000.00 to be eligible for this opportunity.

¹ For the purpose of this RFA “additional tons” is defined as tons of materials, not currently being diverted from landfills, annually upon implementation of project. Applicants will be required to explain where the new or additional tons are coming from and demonstrate how the new or additional tons were previously being landfilled.

² For the purposes of this RFA, “shovel-ready” is defined as a project where planning and engineering is advanced enough that with sufficient funding the project can begin immediately upon contract execution. This includes having a site determined with a lease in place if necessary, an understanding of all permitting requirements including local and state requirements, and financial means to fund the project upfront.