

# Cap and Trade Expenditures: CalRecycle Funding



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The Honorable Holly Mitchell  
Chair, Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee  
State Capitol, Room 5019  
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The Honorable Phil Ting  
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**RE: Cap and Trade Expenditures: CalRecycle Funding**

Dear Senator Mitchell and Assemblymember Ting,

The undersigned organizations urge the Legislature to **allocate at least \$100 million to CalRecycle from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund**. This funding will expand CalRecycle's incredibly successful GGRF programs which reduce greenhouse gas emissions through waste reduction, bioenergy production, composting and recycled content manufacturing, and edible food recovery.

The Legislative Analysts Office has found that CalRecycle's waste diversion program is one of the most cost-effective of all Cap & Trade funding investments. These investments help to reduce air and climate pollution, cut landfilling, and provide jobs and other benefits in communities across the state.

These waste diversion projects are critical for cities and counties across the state working to reach their waste diversion and GHG emission goals. CalRecycle's GGRF program will help the state meet multiple legislative goals, create jobs, support strong in-state markets for recyclables, produce clean energy, restore California soils, and feed people in need.

Specifically, the funding for organic waste infrastructure under this program is absolutely necessary in order for the public and private sector to meet the requirements of AB 1826 (Chesbro, 2014) and SB 1383 (Lara, 2016). SB 1383 requires the state to achieve a 75 percent reduction in the amount of organic waste disposed of in landfills by 2025, which will require the construction of 50 to 100 new and expanded organic waste recycling facilities, at a cost of \$2-3 billion.

In addition to being highly over-subscribed, **CalRecycle's Programs have ranked among the most cost effective** programs in terms of dollars spent per GHG reduced. We believe that it's clear that expanding funding for these programs is not only a worthwhile investment, but it is also critical to achieving several goals established by the legislature. We urge your support for the allocation of at least \$100 million to CalRecycle. Thank you for your consideration.

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