2018 Municipal Food Scraps Reduction, Food Donation and Food Scraps Recycling Programs Grant Awards

City of Albany
$225,535.00
Address food waste prevention/reduction via outreach and education efforts including: distributing fliers at libraries, parks, and farmers markets; tabling at city events; outreach via social media and website resources; and scheduling presentations by partner organizations to local groups & residents.

City of Cortland
$195,936.63
The creation and implementation of Cortland's first local food rescue system and volunteer network. Purchases will include food rescue equipment that will be used to produce value-added products such as sauces or salsas which have been processed from "past prime" produce donations.

City of Geneva
$242,000.00
Construct one covered and sealed pre-composting zone, and three large-scale engineered vermicomposting trenches.

City of New York
$250,000.00
Improved management of donateNYC's food donation portal, a digital tool that connects food donors and recipients on a neighborhood scale in real time. The goal of donateNYC's food donation portal is to facilitate efficient, hyper-local connections between food business and organizations fighting hunger.

City of Rochester
$104,400.00
Conduct a feasibility study for a City-led organics recycling program. The City will partner with Flower City Pickers, a food rescue organization, to develop and implement a public education program to increase awareness about food waste prevention/reduction as well as food donation/rescue.

City of Watervliet
$131,000.00
Acquire a new electric vehicle dedicated to food scrap collection activities.

Clinton County Health Department (CCHD)
$195,000.00
The implementation of a public education/promotion/outreach program targeting residents and focused on home food scraps reduction and recycling. The program will be a collaborative effort between CCHD and consumer-facing partner businesses and organizations. CCHD will also work with local farmers to establish small-scale, centralized food scraps recycling sites to accommodate household food scraps diversion.

Erie County
$200,000.00
Implementation of a project targeting the Institutional Food Preparation & Cafeteria Sector. The project utilizes data collected from leased tracking systems to develop targeted intervention strategies, and education and outreach programs geared at preventing and reducing institutional cafeteria food waste.

Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency (OCRRA)
$139,111.97
Wasted food prevention and reduction outreach and education campaign targeted to recent immigrants and communities that speak English as an additional language. Through a partnership with the Northeast Waste Management Officials' Association (NEWMOA), this initiative will involve the development and distribution of handouts, community meetings, social media messaging, exhibits, and short videos in several different languages to help these new and often low-income residents understand what they can do to reduce wasted food at home.

Oswego County Department of Solid Waste
$50,000.00
Conduct a comprehensive feasibility study to evaluate the viability and effectiveness of implementing a county-wide composting facility. This feasibility study will result in further public education and outreach efforts focused on wasted food prevention and reduction.

Town of Shelter Island
$30,056.00
A dual phase project focused on increasing outreach and education on home composting and establishing an improved venison donation system. Project 1 is the distribution of home composters to residents. Project 2 is a venison donation program including a countertop and racking system for storing and processing deer meat, and freezers to store meat at distribution facilities and a local food pantry.

Tompkins County
$70,426.21
Tompkins County will provide food scrap drop-off points at 5 to 7 locations in the County. The sites will be located at low-income multifamily housing complexes and in environmental justice neighborhoods. The County will also set up food scrap collection at three apartment complexes, develop food waste prevention education materials in the form of cooking classes and brochures, and conduct outreach to County residents.

Town of Amherst
$30,750.00
The Town of Amherst will implement a food scraps drop off and recycling project for Town residents. The Town will purchase approximately 10,000 kitchen-sized organics recycling containers to hand out to interested residents that will contain informational sheets and directions on how to reduce food waste in their home. Residents will fill those containers and take them to the Farmer's market events on Saturdays from May to November and deposit the material in a Town organics tote. The Town will then transport that material to a certified organics recycler for processing.

Town of Greenburgh
$250,000.00
A food waste reduction project involving the Town's partnership with the Greenburgh Nature Center. The Greenburgh Nature Center will organize and execute the community outreach campaign as well as provide instruction to residents on how to reduce food waste at the source and recycle food scraps.

Town of Mamaroneck
$127,772.00
Coordinated outreach and education program - created through collaboration with district schoolteachers and environmental education consultants- tailored to households, educators, and students, on the "why" and "how" of reducing food waste at the source.

Town of New Castle
$1,000.00
Expansion of the existing voluntary food scraps drop-off program by purchasing additional totes for collection and shipment to a composting facility.

Town of Ossining
$99,145.00
Establish a pilot curbside food scraps recycling program in the Town of Ossining through a partnership with Teatown Lake Reservation, a local environmental organization. Through this partnership, Teatown will assist the Town with education and outreach regarding the food scraps recycling pilot program. The Town will establish an organics collection location in a local park and transport the collected food scraps to a nearby commercial compost facility.

Town of Southold
$92,880.00
The establishment of a Venison Distribution Program that will give local hunters a facility to drop off harvested deer, where in turn the meat will be donated. This new facility will facilitate the processing and donation of the harvested deer to local residents and food pantries. Construction and alterations will be made to existing facilities to allow for smoother and more effective operation, and chest freezers will be purchased to hold processed meat while awaiting distribution.

Town of Tusten
$138,100.00
The Town will purchase and install a microdigester and coordination/education (promotions/outreach and project coordination through contracts). The installation of a microdigester at the Town Barn facility will produce heat/power and a soil fertilizer product. The microdigester can process 2 tons of food scraps per month from local businesses and voluntary collection points.

Town/Village of Scarsdale
$80,330.30
The Town/Village of Scarsdale will use the funding to purchase a collection vehicle specifically dedicated to picking up and transporting food scraps from residents' homes to a composting facility so that it can be recycled into useful compost.

Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency (UCRRA)
$8,503.50
UCRRA will promote food waste reduction and home composting by creating a demonstration site at a Kingston facility. The site will be utilized for educational purposes, hands-on demonstrations, classes about composting, and food waste reduction education. The site will be utilized by community members during facility tours, special classes, or by appointment to learn about home composting and reducing wasted food. The demonstration site will also provide visitors with tools and materials they can use to implement sustainable behavior changes at home, such as kitchen compost collection containers and eat first boxes.

Village of Clifton Springs
$247,983.32
The Village will operate a Food Scrap Composting Pilot. Funds will be used for 1) capital purchase of containers, bins, totes, organics processing equipment, and facility construction of wash room; and 2) coordination and education including promotional and outreach materials and staffing. The goals of this pilot program are 1) to reduce the volume of material entering the solid waste stream, by reducing the volume of material at the point of generation, and will include the cooperation of local businesses and phased participation of residential households; and 2) to educate the community about local waste reduction through outreach and education focused on wasted food prevention and reduction.

Village of Croton-on-Hudson
$14,332.00
Establishment of a six-month pilot residential food scrap management program. The Village will designate a Village-owned lot – central to the community and easily accessible by car – to maintain six 96-gallon toters (to be handled by a commercial carter) that would be emptied weekly into a transfer vehicle. The food scraps will be transported to a commercial composting facility being built 8 miles away in Cortlandt Manor, NY.

Village of Montour Falls
$57,991.00
The Village will partner with the Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) of Schuyler County to develop a six-week lesson plan for four to six Village residents and train them as “Recycling Navigators”. Recycling Navigators would engage in experiential classroom opportunities which would help them become proficient in communicating about shopping and cooking strategies, composting strategies, and Village recycling and composting policies with their neighbors.

Village of Sleepy Hollow
$11,286.00
The Village will introduce a food scraps recycling program that will be available to all residents, despite income or language barriers. The funding will be used to develop and disseminate an easily-understood illustrated education materials that will be used on the Village website, posters, e-blasts, reusable shopping bags and recycling instructions.

Village of Tuckahoe
$190,610.70
The Village to purchase a collection truck for food waste collection and totes to establish a voluntary food waste recycling program for residents. The organics recycling program will involve several collaborations, including partnerships with primary and secondary schools in the Town of Eastchester and the Village, as well as collaboration with local environmental and neighborhood committees.

Westchester County Department of Environmental Facilities
$99,850.00
Westchester County will hire a consultant to evaluate incorporating food waste recycling in the local solid waste management plan. The intent of the study is to assess key factors which impact the overall feasibility of a formal food waste diversion and recycling program and which food waste management options would work best in Westchester.