



Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

Reduce, Reuse, Reimagine: Materials Management Grants Program

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Oregon DEQ awards \$1.2 million for community-based waste prevention projects!

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality's Reduce, Reuse, Reimagine: Materials Management Grants Program is proud to announce the recipients of the 2024 Waste Prevention grant cycle.

Through a highly competitive solicitation, DEQ received 110 applications from across the state. Applicants demonstrated innovation, dedication, and community impact in their project proposals. This year's recipients, representing 11 different counties, stood out for their vision, creativity, and potential to make a meaningful difference in their communities and beyond.

The recipients of the 2024 Reduce, Reuse, Reimagine grant are:

Eastern Region

- Central Oregon Environmental Center (Bend): Reusable serviceware at food cart pod
- Klamath Works (Klamath Falls): Updates to construction materials thrift store

Northwest Region

- Bold Reuse (Portland): Reusable food ware program for Providence Park, Oregon Convention Center, Moda Center, and Veterans Memorial Coliseum
- City of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (Portland): Deconstruction Program expansion and updates to commercial deconstruction that emphasize waste prevention for recovered materials
- The Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization (Portland): Reusable goods market accepting and distributing household items, furniture, and personal care items that would otherwise end up in landfills

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- University of Portland (Portland): Collect and repurpose usable items generated during student move-in and move-out

Western Region

- Be The Change Rogue (Ashland): Rogue To Go development and expansion of take-out reusable dishware
- Benton County Government (Benton County): Waste prevention of single-use items at community events
- BRING (Eugene): Construction site material recovery
- Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Community of Oregon (Grand Ronde): Reusable dishware for childcare center and laser engravers to move away from plastic product labels
- Garten (Salem): Modernizing Refurb Lab to increase reuse of hard drives, laptops, and computers
- Lane County (Lane County): Durable dishware and water bottle refill stations for large-scale events in Lane County
- McMinnville Tool Library (McMinnville): Tool lending for community empowerment and sustainability
- Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments Meals on Wheels (Albany): Reusable container program for Meals on Wheels sites in Benton County

"DEQ's Materials Management Program extends its congratulations to all recipients, and gratitude to everyone who applied," shared Sanne Stienstra, DEQ Materials Management Program Manager. "Your work enriches our collective efforts to reduce the environmental and human health impacts of materials at all stages of their life cycle."

[Visit our interactive StoryMaps](#) to learn more about the grant recipients and where their projects will take place, or [visit our website](#) to learn more about the grants program.

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