

GRANTS, RFP'S



FUNDING EFFORTS TO RE-PURPOSE PET WASTE

Environmental grants are offered by federal, state, province, council, municipal governments, departments or agencies and nonprofits or foundations. Many have specific requirements and US grants are often posted online like this [US EPA site](#). In Australia many local governments (councils) offer small community grants, and some have grants specifically for environmental projects.

Online search engines will help you [find grants](#) specific to your project needs. Simply search for "grants" with key words including location or request email notifications based on key words.

Raising funds is fundamental for implementing and ensuring continuity of pet waste repurposing projects. Applying for grants is a good way to organise the information needed for efficient operations. In some cases, simply asking a decision-making board to add a budget item is sufficient if enough local residents demonstrate enthusiasm for making a positive change. Obtaining a grant or fundraising assets can garner support from the public and key decision-makers.



There are a variety of funding sources available in different countries, to develop and run trials and projects that divert pet waste from landfill. Often the success of trials and data collected from trials helps source ongoing services and longer-term funding for initiatives.

Funding is often sought to cover the cost of:

- education and promotion resources such as signage, posters, leaflets and displays,
- waste equipment such as scoopers, pet waste bins, compostable and paper pick-up bags, pet home composting systems,
- waste services such as pet waste collection and pet waste composting services.

Australia Example - Port Elliot

A local association in a small rural town in South Australia was successful in gaining a community environment grant to fund a 12-week trial at a local dog park. Just over \$1500 covered the costs of education resources, signage, bins, locks, artwork, scales and the organic bin collection service.

Since the trial ended in 2020, one bin has remained and continues to divert the dog park dog waste from landfill to a commercial facility where it is made into compost. This project also helped encourage trials in other dog parks.

Port Elliot signage, bags, bins, posters



Community

Funds for diverting pet waste from landfill can come from grants made available by local authorities, local service groups, businesses and philanthropic organisations.

Grants may be sought under the auspices of waste, the environment, climate change, community, keep town beautiful schemes, animal management, social capital, and community engagement.

Crowd and social media funding can help engage local dog owners to support new initiatives in specific towns.



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Residential Associations, Bodies

Corporate bodies of housing estates and residential communities have ongoing budgets to help manage gardens, landscaping, waste services and for beautification.

Colorado Example

Heather Gardens is a large senior living community in Aurora, Colorado. Their Green Team started a project in 2018 to reduce un-scooped dog poop in their community. Pet parents that signed up got a free supply of certified compostable dog waste pick-up bags every month and 26 collection bins meant the dog waste ended up at a composting facility with the help of the ground's maintenance crew and a Pet Scoop partner.

Their successful trial helped them secure ongoing funds from the Heather Gardens Foundation and a second city grant to continue and expand their services. They have much less dog poop along the walkways and grounds and have helped create compost that will help to fertilize flowers and trees.

Heather Gardens bins, bags, signage



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Requests for proposals (RFPs)

Communities may need to contract with businesses to procure products and services needed to implement pet waste repurposing operations. Services might include local collection, grounds maintenance or composting assistance. Sometimes large quantities of supplies such as pick-up bags, bins, and signs are essential.

Issuing an RFP announcement in a publication or at a site where businesses will consider making a bid might make it more likely that you have your needs met at a level of quality and price best suited to your needs.

Guidelines 2022-23

Community Environment Grant



Local government, municipalities

Communities can encourage their own local council or municipality to provide services. They are responsible for waste and environment services as well as animal management. There are quite a range of ways these bodies can help fund efforts to reduce pet waste to landfill sites. They fund:

- compostable pick-up bag stations and bins to collect pet waste for composting,
- trials of green organic bin projects in dog parks, dog runs and public spaces,
- discounted home pet compost bins
- onsite dog waste composting programs and services at dog parks and dog runs
- home green organic bins that take pet waste to be made into compost,
- sewerage treatment facilities and services,
- communication to pet owners via their websites, newsletters, pet registration processes, animal management booklets.