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# 2020-21 Community Waste Diversion Fund GUIDE AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

(Submission deadline Monday, February 15, 2021 4: 30 p.m. NDT)

## General

This guide contains all the information you need to enter the competition for the 2020/2021 Community Waste Diversion Fund (herein after referred as the CWDF). Please read the information provided before completing the application form.

## Description

Newfoundland and Labrador Municipalities, Community Governments and Local Service Districts are eligible for a non-repayable contribution covering up to 80% of the eligible costs of projects that support the implementation of the Provincial Waste Management Strategy in Newfoundland and Labrador. Funding will be to a maximum of \$10,000.00 per project.

## Guiding Principles

Support research and development of value-added products from solid waste at every stage of the waste management hierarchy as follows:

1. **Reduce** the amount of waste created in the first place
2. **Reuse** materials and products rather than discard them
3. **Recycle** or reprocess waste into another useable form
4. **Recover** some useful benefit from waste
5. **Dispose** of waste material that has no further economic or environmental benefit

## Eligible Projects

Projects that support the management of solid waste in Newfoundland and Labrador at any stage of the waste management hierarchy. Projects that involve innovation or uniqueness and demonstrated sustainability will be given priority.

## Eligible Project Costs

- For equipment, service or materials purchases over \$500, proponents should attach three quotes.
- For purchases over \$5,000, proponents should attach at least one user reference.

## Ineligible Projects

Ineligible projects include but are not limited to the following:

- Projects unrelated to solid waste
- Cleanups
- Projects that intend to compete with a program offered by a Regional Waste Management Authority
- Projects related to landfill management or landfill gas capture

## Ineligible Project Costs

Ineligible project costs include but are not limited to the following:

- Hours of work performed by the proponent or by a member of the immediate family (child, stepchild, ward, spouse, parent, sister, or brother) of the proponent
- Hours of work performed by an existing employee of the proponent
- Gifts and donations
- Alcoholic refreshments for any occasion
- Land
- Advertising costs (excludes signage and public education)
- Waste collection vehicles
- Costs incurred prior to funding approval
- Refundable portions of HST

\*Note: Communities may request a contribution towards labour in the instance that a new employee(s) or student(s) is being hired on a full-time, part-time, or contractual basis for purposes of the project. New employee hours of work or hours of work performed by a consultant must not exceed 50% of the total requested amount for the project.

## Application Form Management

Applications will be assessed by a selection committee comprising representatives from Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador, the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment, Regional Waste Management Authorities and MMSB.

The selection committee will rate application form based on three overarching principles:

1. Possible impact to the waste management hierarchy (reduce, reuse, recycle, recover, dispose)
2. Uniqueness of the project
3. Sustainability of the project (potential to become an ongoing service or program)

All applications will be ranked in order from highest to lowest score to assess the top proponents. It is anticipated that successful proponents will be notified on or before December 31, 2020.

It is the responsibility of all proponents to clearly illustrate how the application form relate to the objectives of the CWDF.

## Application Process

1. Proponents are encouraged to contact the Business Development Officer at MMSB (709-757-0782 or [moton@mmsb.nl.ca](mailto:moton@mmsb.nl.ca)) prior to submitting an application form.
2. Proponents will be assessed based upon the contents of the completed application form.

3. Application forms are available at <https://mmsb.nl.ca/funding-programs/community-waste-diversion-fund/> or by request from [moton@mmsb.nl.ca](mailto:moton@mmsb.nl.ca).

4. Submit the completed application form to:

Mfon Oton  
Business Development Officer  
Tel: 709-757-0782 Toll free: 1-800-901-MMSB  
Email: [moton@mmsb.nl.ca](mailto:moton@mmsb.nl.ca) Fax: 709-753-0974

**Application forms will be accepted until 4:30p.m NDT Monday, February 15, 2021.**

Upon receiving notification of funding, recipients must return a signed acknowledgement form to MMSB indicating their desire to move forward with the project. Subsequently, a Contribution Agreement will be forwarded to the proponent to secure the contribution.

**Please note that MMSB has a limited budget for this program and not all projects that submit a proposal will receive funding. MMSB and the selection committee reserve the right to refuse any proposal received.**

**MMSB and the selection committee reserve the right to approve a higher contribution to a project (to a maximum of \$25,000). Projects requesting more than \$10,000 should demonstrate strong potential for waste reduction or diversion, innovation, and sustainability.**