



News Release

Get Funding to Help Reduce Waste

Sechelt, BC—August 2, 2022— The Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) will be accepting applications for the 2022 Waste Reduction Initiatives Program (WRIP) starting September 1.

Launched in 2015, WRIP was introduced to support waste reduction and recycling priorities identified in the SCR D's Solid Waste Management Plan.

The program has a total of \$7,500 available for financial assistance to Sunshine Coast based community groups and associations, non-profit societies, registered charitable organizations, SD46 and SD93 school groups for projects that will reduce waste in the region. Project applications must include a plan for measuring and reporting the amount of waste diverted from the landfill.

Project categories considered for the WRIP include:

- Community reuse and repair
- Composting
- Construction and demolition waste reduction, reuse and recycling
- Food waste reduction
- Green waste reduction
- Recycling initiatives

Applications open on September 1, 2022 and all applications must be received by midnight on October 31, 2022.

Projects must be completed, including a final report, by June 30, 2023. Interim reporting, project guidelines and restrictions can be found at www.scrd.ca/wrip. Prospective applicants are encouraged to contact the SCR D in advance of submitting their application to ensure that their project is eligible for funding.

Successful past projects include:

- Elphinstone Secondary School used funding to divert compostable waste from the Culinary Arts program to three composters in order to provide soil for the school vegetable garden.
- The North Thormanby Community Association used funds to introduce a food waste recycling program to residents of the island by purchasing a tumbler composter to divert food waste from garbage bins and use compost for gardens.

If you have questions about the Waste Reduction Initiatives Program, or are interested in submitting an application, please visit www.scrd.ca/wrip, email infrastructure@scrd.ca or call 604-885-6806.

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