

Key dates for Zero Waste SA grants

Guidelines and on-line application forms are available for the following grants at www.zerowaste.sa.gov.au

Friday 18 February 2005

Kerbside Performance Grants
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Friday 25 February 2005

Events Subsidy Scheme
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Friday 1 April 2005

Research and Market Development Incentives
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Ongoing

Reduction in the use of plastic shopping bags
Organisations are encouraged to submit applications for the 2005/2006 round of funding.
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Grants applications closed for assessments

Sixty three applications are being assessed for the Recycling Infrastructure Grants (organic, plastic, construction and demolition waste) and Regional Infrastructure Grants programs. Recommendations will be made to the Zero Waste SA Board for final approval. A total of \$3.5 million is available.

GoGO gets going

A series of workshops to explore each priority area of the Greening of Government (GoGO) program has started this month. The workshops aim to assist members of the GoGO Cross Agency Reference Group to activate GoGO in their agencies. A workshop on waste management hosted by Zero Waste SA was held on Tuesday 22 February. The workshop focused on data gathering because benchmarks on waste and recycling in State Government agencies are needed as an initial step in addressing this priority.

Food waste a potential pot of gold

An audit of organic waste collected from the City of Unley's King William Road Street party held on 20 January 2005 is part of a trial to assess if it can be used for compost.

The audit is part of the Zero Waste Events program which provides event organisers with information and financial assistance to improve their waste management systems. A key feature of the Event guidelines is the move to have patron-generated waste consist of either biodegradable material for composting, or refundable drink containers, Project Manager Eddie Wilczek, says.

"There has been little technical data on how best to manage 'post-consumer putrescible waste' that will come from events and the best manner in which to meet EPA requirements for acceptance of this waste. Flinders Bioremediation are undertaking the work in three stages - treatment options, assessment of biodegradable products to be used at Zero Waste Events and biodegradable waste audit and treatment trials.

"The audit includes an analysis of a breakdown of waste produced from the event, such as the number of plates, forks and cups in relation to number of people and contamination rates of the collected waste."

Waste treatment technologies that are being considered for Zero Waste events include in-vessel composting, anaerobic digestion, vermiculture, open window composting and forced aeration composting. The EPA will be consulted to determine issues that must be addressed in accepting Zero Waste Event waste to a treatment location.

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