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INTRODUCTION

This document provides state-by-state information for the 11-states in the Northeast Recycling Council (NERC) region—Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont—regarding potential sources of grant or loan funding for organics-related businesses that are available from state and federal agencies.

Foundations and other organizations may also be a source of funding and that information is not included in this document.

For questions, or suggestions for amendments to this document, contact [Lynn Rubinstein](#), NERC Executive Director.

About NERC

The Northeast Recycling Council (NERC) is a non-profit, non-partisan non-profit organization that conducts research, hands-on projects, training, and outreach on issues associated with source reduction, recycling, composting, environmentally preferable purchasing, and decreasing the toxicity of the solid waste stream. For more information, visit www.nerc.org.

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CONNECTICUT

GRANT & LOAN FUNDING PROGRAMS

The [Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development \(DECD\)](#)

Programs include direct funding from the Department of Economic and Community Development and Connecticut Innovations.

DECD - [Business Development Funding Opportunities](#) including Small Businesses, Brownfields Remediation, Crowdfunding, Lending Partners, Manufacturing Innovation Fund and Minority Business Funding, plus many others.

DECD - [Community Development Funding Opportunities](#) such as Capital and Infrastructure Grants.

[US Environmental Protection Agency](#) – Information and resources for financing anaerobic digesters.

STATEWIDE LOAN PROGRAMS

[Connecticut Innovations \(CI\)](#) - Connecticut's strategic venture capital arm and the leading source of financing and ongoing support for innovative, growing companies. CI provides early-stage funding to such companies across a broad range of industries through equity and equity-related investments that will spur growth. CI is frequently the first institutional investor, which often results in attracting additional investors.

[CT Green Bank](#) – CT Green Bank supports the Governor's and Legislature's energy strategy to achieve cleaner, less expensive, and more reliable sources of energy while creating jobs and supporting local economic development. The CT Green Bank has provided loans directly and subordinated loans for anaerobic digestion facilities in Connecticut.

[Community Economic Development Fund \(CEDF\)](#) provides loans and technical assistance to small businesses.

[Community Investment Corporation \(CIC\)](#) is an economic development lending company that offers financing and support to small businesses in Connecticut and Rhode Island (USA).

CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) – [Grants and Financial Assistance](#)

OTHER LOAN PROGRAMS

[Hartford Economic Development Corporation \(HEDCO\)](#) helps create new programs that meet the changing needs of entrepreneurs and increase the funds available to help people build and improve their business.

The [Small Business Administration \(SBA\)](#) provides [Financial Assistance](#). SBA's investment programs, business loan programs, disaster loan programs, and bonding for contractors help start, run, and grow businesses. There are [30 offices](#) in Connecticut and the [Connecticut District Office](#).

[SouthEastern Connecticut Enterprise Region \(seCTer\)](#) is a public-private regional economic development agency serving the towns of New London County. It administers several loan programs and can assist with marketing and business development.

[Waterbury Development Corporation \(WDC\)](#) Business Growth Group is focused on serving Waterbury's business clientele at all stages of the business cycle. It can provide one-on-one business support as well financial assistance.

[REX Development/EDC New Haven](#) REX Development serves as the federally designated Economic Development District (EDD), which includes the towns of Bethany, Branford, East Haven, Guilford, Hamden, Madison, Meriden, Milford, New Haven, North Branford North haven Orange Wallingford, West Haven and Woodbridge. The Economic Development Corporation (EDC) of New Haven is a private, non-profit organization, dedicated to business and economic development within the city of New Haven CT.

The [USDA Rural Development Program](#) offers many programs for business development nationally and specific to [Connecticut](#).

- [Water and Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program in Connecticut](#)
- [Business & Industry Loan Guarantees in Connecticut](#)
- [Rural Energy for America Program Renewable Energy Systems & Energy Efficiency Improvement Guaranteed Loans & Grants in Connecticut](#)
- [Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical, and Biobased Product Manufacturing Assistance Program](#)
- [Rural Business Development Grants](#)
- [Rural Business Investment Program](#)
- [Rural Economic Development Loan & Grant Program](#)
- [Strategic Economic and Community Development](#)
- [Value Added Producer Grants](#)

PRIMARY RESOURCES

[Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection \(CT DEEP\)](#)

Contact: [Chris Nelson](#), Supervising Environmental Analyst

79 Elm Street

Hartford, CT 06106-5127

Phone: (860) 424-3454

DELAWARE

GRANT, TAX INCENTIVE, & LOAN FUNDING PROGRAMS

[Delaware Economic Development Office \(DEDO\)](#)

Delaware provides powerful [tax credit programs](#) to incentivize investment and job creation in the state

The [Small Business Administration \(SBA\)](#) provides [financial assistance](#). SBA's investment programs, business loan programs, disaster loan programs, and bonding for contractors help start, run, and grow businesses. There are 10 offices in Delaware.

[District Office](#)

Phone: (302) 573-6294 - Wilmington

The [USDA Rural Development Program](#) offers many programs for business development:

- [Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical, and Biobased Product Manufacturing Assistance Program](#)
- [Business & Industry Loan Guarantees](#)
- [Rural Business Development Grants](#)
- [Rural Business Investment Program](#)
- [Rural Economic Development Loan & Grant Program](#)
- [Strategic Economic and Community Development](#)
- [Value Added Producer Grants](#)

[US Environmental Protection Agency](#) – Information and resources for financing anaerobic digesters.

PRIMARY RESOURCES

[Delaware Economic Development Office \(DEDO\)](#)

[Email](#)

Phone: (302) 739-4271 - Dover

Phone: (302) 577-8477 - Wilmington

[Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control Office of Planning, Business Assistance \(DNREC\)](#)

[Michelle Jacobs](#), Small Business Ombudsman

Phone: (302) 739-9069

MAINE

GRANT & LOAN FUNDING PROGRAMS

[Maine Department of Environmental Protection \(DEP\)](#) offers Waste Diversion Grants to public and private entities to assist in the development, implementation or improvement of programs, projects, initiatives or activities designed to increase the diversion of solid waste from disposal in the State.

Phone: (207) 592-0455

[Email](#)

[Maine Department of Economic & Community Development \(DECD\)](#) offers a wide range of funding assistance programs to businesses. From generous tax incentives to finance assistance and grants, the State of Maine strives to be a partner in long-term business growth and success. [Maine is Open for Business!](#)

Phone: (800) 872-3838 in Maine, or (800) 541-5872 from outside of Maine

[Email](#)

[Finance Authority of Maine \(FAME\)](#) provides access to innovative financial solutions to help Maine citizens pursue business opportunities. The focus of the Business Division at FAME is to help businesses access capital to grow, expand and succeed.

Phone: (207) 623-3263 or (800) 228-3734

[Email](#)

[Coastal Enterprises, Inc. \(CEI\)](#) is a private, nonprofit Community Development Corporation and Community Development Financial Institution that provides financing and support for job-creating small businesses and natural resources industries.

Phone: (207) 504-5900

[Email](#)

[Natural Resources Council of Maine \(NRCM\)](#) seed grant programs for organized committees and start-up groups. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, and grants are not to exceed \$500. Limited funding available.

Phone: (207) 430-0144

[Email](#)

The [USDA Rural Development Program](#) offers many programs for business development for various business development opportunities, including composting and anaerobic digestion:

- [Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical, and Bio based Product Manufacturing Assistance Program](#)
- [Business & Industry Loan Guarantees](#)
- [Rural Business Development Grants](#)
- [Rural Business Investment Program](#)
- [Rural Economic Development Loan & Grant Program](#)
- [Strategic Economic and Community Development](#)
- [Value Added Producer Grants](#)

The [Small Business Administration \(SBA\)](#) provides [financial assistance](#). SBA's investment programs, business loan programs, and bonding for contractors help start, run, and grow businesses. Locate an [office in Maine](#).

Maine District Office

Phone: (207) 622-8551

[US Environmental Protection Agency](#) – Information and resources for financing anaerobic digesters.

TAX INCENTIVES

The [Maine Department of Economic & Community Development \(DECD\)](#) offers a variety of tax incentives.

Phone: (800) 872-3838 in Maine, or (800) 541-5872 from outside of Maine

[Email](#)

PRIMARY RESOURCES

[Maine Department of Environmental Protection \(ME DEP\)](#)

[Mark King](#)

Phone: (207) 592-0455

[Webpage](#)

[Carla Hopkins](#), Manager, Residuals Management Unit

Bureau of Remediation and Waste Management

Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Phone: (207) 215-3314

[Webpage](#)

[Julie Churchill](#), Small Business Ombudsman

Assistant Director of the Office of Innovation and Assistance

Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Phone: (207) 287-7881

[Webpage](#)

[Maine Compost Team/Maine Compost School](#) is a long-running cooperative effort of three agencies (Departments of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry, and Environmental Protection, along with the University of Maine Cooperative Extension) assisting with the promotion, development and success of composting in Maine. The Team formed in 1990 to address a rapid rise in the interest of capturing and recovering the value of organics; the school, founded in 1997, continues to provide training to help composters do a better job.

Phone: (207) 592-0455

[Email](#)

OTHER RELATED RESOURCES

[Environmental and Energy Technology Council of Maine](#) (E2Tech) is a member-based organization comprised of businesses and organizations that seek to build Maine's environmental and energy technology economy and include renewable power companies, environmental engineers, emerging entrepreneurs, innovators and designers, and non-profit organizations and businesses that see the economic promise of clean tech for Maine. E2Tech membership is for organizations and individuals engaged in Maine's environmental and energy sectors interested in the growth of Maine's clean technology economy.

Phone: (207) 956-1970

[Email](#)

MARYLAND

GRANT & LOAN FUNDING PROGRAMS

The [Small Business Administration \(SBA\)](#) provides [financial assistance](#). SBA's investment programs, business loan programs, disaster loan programs, and bonding for contractors help start, run, and grow businesses.

There are [35 offices](#) in Maryland.

Maryland District Office

Phone: (410) 962-6195

The [USDA Rural Development Program](#) offers many programs for business development:

- [Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical, and Biobased Product Manufacturing Assistance Program](#)
- [Business & Industry Loan Guarantees](#)
- [Rural Business Development Grants](#)
- [Rural Business Investment Program](#)
- [Rural Economic Development Loan & Grant Program](#)
- [Strategic Economic and Community Development](#)
- [Value Added Producer Grants](#)

[US Environmental Protection Agency](#) – Information and resources for financing anaerobic digesters.

TAX INCENTIVES & GRANTS

[The Maryland Department of Commerce](#) offers several tax incentive programs for businesses.

- [Job Creation Tax Credit](#)
- [Enterprise Zone Tax Credits](#)
- [One Maryland Tax Credit](#)
- [Research and Development Tax Credit](#)
- [Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise \(RISE\) Zone Program](#)

The Department also provides specialized financing and incentive resources for small businesses, veteran-owned businesses and minority and women-owned businesses, offering assistance with a variety of needs including:

- Land acquisition and infrastructure improvements
- Machinery and equipment purchase
- Development of commercial opportunities
- Financing for the economically disadvantaged

Phone: (877) 821-0099

[Military Personnel and Veteran-Owned Small Business Loan Program](#) offers no interest loans for businesses owned by military reservists, veterans, National Guard personnel and for small businesses that employ or are owned by such persons.

[Small, Minority and Women-Owned Business Account- Video Lottery Terminal Fund \(VLT\)](#) provides 1.5% of the proceeds from video lottery terminals (slots) for distribution in targeted areas surrounding select casinos. Allocations are divided between small, minority, and women-owned businesses located within a 10-mile radius of Maryland casinos and small, minority, and women-owned businesses located throughout Maryland.

[Maryland Small Business Development Fund Authority \(MSBDFA\)](#) provides financing for small businesses that are not able to qualify for financing from private lending institutions or owned by socially and economically disadvantaged persons.

[State Small Business Credit Initiative \(SSBCI\)](#) is a component of the federal Small Business Jobs Act of 2010 that provides direct funding for state credit enhancement programs. These funds must target an average borrower size of 500 employees or less and loans averaging \$5 million.

PRIMARY RESOURCES

Maryland Department of the Environment

[Kaley Laleker](#), Deputy Director

Land Management Administration

Maryland Department of the Environment

1800 Washington Boulevard, Suite 610

Baltimore, Maryland 21230-1719

Phone: (410) 537-3314

[Business Resources](#)

MASSACHUSETTS

GRANT & LOAN FUNDING PROGRAMS

The [Recycling Loan Fund](#), administered by the [Business Development Corporation](#) on behalf of the MASSDEP, provides loans to Massachusetts recycling companies and to non-profits for any reasonable recycling purpose. There is priority assistance of up to \$500,000 available for food waste projects. And, the Recycling Loan Fund provides loans of up to \$1.5 million for anaerobic digestion projects.

[Dave Harrington](#), Director

Phone: (781) 928-1100

[Recycling Business Development Grants](#)

The Recycling Business Development Grant (RBDG) program is intended to help Massachusetts recycling processors and manufacturers create sustainable markets for eligible materials, and to add value to municipal and business recycling efforts. Selected applicants will receive grant awards of between \$50,000 and \$400,000.

Only projects related to the list of eligible materials will be funded. Projects to increase recycling of other materials will not be considered. Eligible materials are determined for each grant cycle. The program typically awards grants on an annual basis.

[Joshua Cook](#)

Phone: (617) 292-5619

Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs maintains a [website](#) that provides a matrix of help available for renewable energy developers to find funding and technical assistance for organics processing projects. It identifies a number of grant, loan and other programs available from both government agencies and quasi-public organizations, indicating which are most applicable to different project stages and types of sites.

The Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources runs the [Massachusetts Agricultural Composting Improvement Grant Program](#). The goal of the Agricultural Composting Improvement Program (ACIP) is to help agricultural composters improve the overall management of their agricultural composting operations and facilitate on-farm compost use. The program funds new equipment or facility upgrades up to 75% of the total project or equipment costs up to \$75,000.

[Sean Bowen](#)

Phone: 617-626-1724

Massachusetts Clean Energy Center provides grants to support anaerobic digestion projects through the [Commonwealth Organics to Energy Program](#). The program provides multiple categories of grants to support public and private entities.

[Amy Barad](#)

Phone: (617)-315-9310

The [Small Business Administration \(SBA\)](#) provides a wide range of business assistance, including technical assistance. For more information, visit the [SBA programs and services webpage](#). There are [28 offices](#) in Massachusetts.

[Massachusetts District Office](#)

Phone: (617) 565-5590

The [USDA Rural Development Program](#) offers many programs for business development:

- [Repowering Assistance Program \(Section 9004\)](#)
- [Rural Business Development Grants](#)
- [Rural Energy for America Program Grants/Energy Audit and Renewable Energy Development Assist \(REAP/EA/REDA\)Section 9007](#)
- [Rural Economic Development Loan And Grant \(REDLG\)](#)
- [Value-Added Producer Grants \(VAPG\)](#)
- [Rural Business Investment Program \(RBIP\)](#)

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TAX INCENTIVES

The [Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development](#) provides information on [tax rules, regulations, credits, and incentives](#).

PRIMARY RESOURCES

[Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection \(MassDEP\)](#)

Commercial Waste Reduction Program

[Claudine Ellyin](#), Branch Chief

Phone: (617) 292-5632

The [Recycling Works in Massachusetts Program](#) provides free information and technical assistance to help businesses and institutions waste less, and recycle and compost more. Contact the program to ask questions and request assistance. The RecyclingWorks program also provides [free assistance](#) to compost site operators.

[Email](#)

Phone: (888) 254-5525

NEW HAMPSHIRE

GRANT & LOAN FUNDING PROGRAMS

The [Small Business Administration \(SBA\)](#) provides a wide range of business assistance, including technical assistance. For more information, visit the [SBA programs and services webpage](#). There are [20 offices](#) in New Hampshire.

[New Hampshire District Office](#)

Phone: (603) 225-1400

The [USDA Rural Development Program](#) offers many programs for business development:

- [Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical, and Biobased Product Manufacturing Assistance Program](#)
- [Business & Industry Loan Guarantees](#)
- [Rural Business Development Grants](#)
- [Rural Business Investment Program](#)
- [Rural Economic Development Loan & Grant Program](#)
- [Strategic Economic and Community Development](#)
- [Value Added Producer Grants](#)

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TAX INCENTIVES

The [New Hampshire Division of Economic Development](#) provides information on [tax incentives, loans, and business service programs](#).

PRIMARY RESOURCES

[New Hampshire Department of Resources & Economic Development \(NH Economic Development Division\)](#)

[Christopher Way](#), Deputy Director

Phone: (603) 271-2341

[New Hampshire Small Business Development Center \(NH SBDC\)](#) offers free one-on-one, confidential business advising, training and educational programs, and access to information for small businesses in New Hampshire.

[Find your local NH SBDC Business Advising Center](#)

Phone: (603) 862-2200

NEW JERSEY

GRANT & LOAN FUNDING PROGRAMS

[Business Funding Incentive Resources, Public & Private](#)

The State of New Jersey Business Portal offers a wide variety of financing, incentive, tax credit and assistance programs designed to support business growth and relocation needs. The site offers an interactive [Financing and Incentives Tool](#), which offers detailed information on NJ business incentives and financing programs.

Phone: (866) 534-7789

The [Small Business Administration \(SBA\)](#) provides [financial assistance](#). SBA's investment programs, business loan programs, disaster loan programs, and bonding for contractors help start, run, and grow businesses. There are [34 offices](#) in New Jersey.

Contact: [New Jersey District Office](#)

Phone: (973) 645-2434

The [USDA Rural Development Program](#) offers many programs for business development:

- [Repowering Assistance Program \(Section 9004\)](#)
- [Rural Business Development Grants](#)
- [Rural Energy for America Program Grants/Energy Audit and Renewable Energy Development Assist \(REAP/EA/REDA\)Section 9007](#)
- [Rural Economic Development Loan And Grant \(REDLG\)](#)
- [Value-Added Producer Grants \(VAPG\)](#)
- [Rural Business Investment Program \(RBIP\)](#)

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TAX INCENTIVES

[New Jersey Business Action Center](#) The State of New Jersey Business Portal One-Stop Shop for Business. When you need professional help to launch, expand or relocate your business in New Jersey-or you could benefit from business consulting services for your small business-take action. Make one call to the NJ Business Action Center (BAC). They are your "one-stop" resource for everything you need to do business in New Jersey.

PRIMARY RESOURCES

[New Jersey Commission on Science and Technology \(NJ CST\)](#)

Judith Sheft, Executive Director

Phone: (609) 984-1671

[Email](#)

[New Jersey Economic Development Authority](#)

Trenton Office

36 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625

Phone: (609) 858-6700

[E-mail](#)

Newark Office

One Gateway Center
11-43 Raymond Plaza West, Suite 1410
Newark NJ 07102
Phone: (973) 855-3450

North Brunswick Office

675 US Highway One
North Brunswick, NJ 08902
Phone: (732) 839-1880

Camden Office

One Port Center, Suite 632
Camden, NJ 08101

NEW YORK

GRANT & LOAN FUNDING PROGRAMS

[Empire State Development \(ESD\)](#) provides a variety of assistance aimed at helping businesses; whether you are an [international](#) company looking to make a move or a [small business](#) owner wanting to access capital – ESD is here to help. It offers loans, grants and tax credits, as well as other financing and technical assistance, to support businesses and encourage their growth within New York State.

Through the [New York State Consolidated Funding Application \(CFA\)](#), a single application for multiple sources of state funding, New York State is soliciting grant applications for funding to advance the priorities of the Regional Economic Development Councils (REDC).

Program information is listed below. Refer to www.governor.ny.gov for announcements and updates on future funding opportunities through the CFA.

For more information, eligible applicants should visit <http://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/>, which includes contact information for the appropriate [ESD Regional Office](#) covering the project area.

[Environmental Finance Center at Syracuse University \(EFC\)](#) leverages more than 200 Syracuse Center of Excellence partners to connect local government officials and private organizations with technical assistance, assessment tools, and funding offered by their large network of collaborators and resources. EFC also provides professional training and community outreach to engage, educate, and enable communities to make change toward improved environmental infrastructure and quality of life.

[Melissa Young](#), Assistant Director

[Kelly Tyler](#), Director, Communities & Local Government

Phone: (716) 842-1522, Ext. 3005

[NYSP2I](#), the New York State Pollution Prevention Institute (NYSP2I), is a statewide research and technology transfer center funded by the Environmental Protection Fund as administered by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Technical expertise includes environmental footprinting, new product commercialization acceleration, and food waste reduction and diversion. As part of several priority areas, NYSP2I provides assistance to food-related businesses, non-profits and communities.

This is done through the [Community Grants Program](#) and [Sustainable Food Program](#), which provides direct support as well as online tools and guides all located on NYSP2I's [Resources](#) webpage. The Institute also has [implementation funding](#) available for large generators, haulers and recyclers of food scraps. NYSP2I's goal is to provide full geographic coverage of P2 programs and services across the state. This is achieved through a number of mechanisms including strategic partnerships with technical assistance providers in the public and private sectors, universities and non-profit organizations.

[Email](#)

Phone: (585) 475-2512

The [Small Business Administration \(SBA\)](#) provides [financial assistance](#). SBA's investment programs, business loan programs, disaster loan programs, and bonding for contractors help start, run, and grow businesses.

There are [84 offices](#) in New York State.

New York District Office

Phone: (212) 264-4354

The [USDA Rural Development Program](#) offers many programs for business development:

- [Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical, and Biobased Product Manufacturing Assistance Program](#)
- [Business & Industry Loan Guarantees](#)
- [Rural Business Development Grants](#)
- [Rural Business Investment Program](#)
- [Rural Economic Development Loan & Grant Program](#)
- [Strategic Economic and Community Development](#)
- [Value Added Producer Grants](#)

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TAX INCENTIVES

[New York Economic Development Incentive Programs](#)

PRIMARY RESOURCES

[New York Business First](#)

[Contact information](#)

[New York State Department of Environmental Conservation \(NYSDEC\)](#)

[Organics Recycling for Businesses](#)

[Sally Rowland](#)

Bureau of Waste Reduction & Recycling

625 Broadway, Ninth Floor

Albany, NY 12233-7253

Phone: 518-402-8706

[New York State Energy Research Development Authority \(NYSERDA\)](#)

[Contact](#)

PENNSYLVANIA

GRANT & LOAN FUNDING PROGRAMS

[Loans, tax credits, and grant](#) for businesses information is available through the [Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development](#).

The [Small Business Administration \(SBA\)](#) provides [financial assistance](#). SBA's investment programs, business loan programs, disaster loan programs, and bonding for contractors help start, run, and grow businesses. There are [65 offices](#) in Pennsylvania.

[Philadelphia District Office](#)

Phone: (610) 382-3062

The [USDA Rural Development Program](#) offers many programs for business development:

- [Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical, and Biobased Product Manufacturing Assistance Program](#)
- [Business & Industry Loan Guarantees](#)
- [Rural Business Development Grants](#)
- [Rural Business Investment Program](#)
- [Rural Economic Development Loan & Grant Program](#)
- [Strategic Economic and Community Development](#)
- [Value Added Producer Grants](#)

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TAX INCENTIVES

The [Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development](#) provides information on [loans, loan guarantees, tax incentives, and grants](#).

PRIMARY RESOURCES

[Pennsylvania Recycling Markets Center, Inc. \(RMC\)](#) is a Pennsylvania based non-profit corporation that serves to reduce barriers that lead to use of recycled materials in Pennsylvania. The RMC has strong skill sets in assistance for markets development, materials use, applied research, business assistance, and technical training. Headquartered in Harrisburg, with satellite offices in Pittsburgh, the RMC has relationships with each assistance organization listed in this business assistance guide.

By contacting the Pennsylvania Recycling Markets Center, Inc., it can develop a go-to-market strategy for your use of recycled materials. It often serves as a consolidator of assistance, making your start-up the most time, cost, and assistance efficient. You are encouraged to contact the RMC, as your recycled materials concierge to Pennsylvania's assistance organizations. It is the "keystone" of Pennsylvania recycled materials and markets development.

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777 West Harrisburg Pike, Church Hall
Middletown, PA 17057
Phone: (717) 798-6019

RHODE ISLAND

GRANT & LOAN FUNDING PROGRAMS

[Small Business Administration \(SBA\)](#) provides [financial assistance](#). SBA's investment programs, business loan programs, disaster loan programs, and bonding for contractors help start, run, and grow businesses. There are [10 offices](#) in Rhode Island.

[Rhode Island District Office](#)

Phone: (401) 528-4561

The [USDA Rural Development Program](#) offers many programs for business development:

- [Repowering Assistance Program \(Section 9004\)](#)
- [Rural Business Development Grants](#)
- [Rural Energy for America Program Grants/Energy Audit and Renewable Energy Development Assist \(REAP/EA/REDA\)Section 9007](#)
- [Rural Economic Development Loan And Grant \(REDLG\)](#)
- [Value-Added Producer Grants \(VAPG\)](#)
- [Rural Business Investment Program \(RBIP\)](#)

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LOANS & TAX INCENTIVES

The [Rhode Island Commerce Corporation](#) offers information about credits and financial incentives to in-state companies.

PRIMARY RESOURCES

[Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation \(RIRRC\)](#)

65 Shun Pike

Johnston, RI 02919

Phone: (401) 942-1430

VERMONT

GRANT & LOAN FUNDING PROGRAMS

[Vermont Agency of Agriculture grants](#)

[Vermont Community Loan Fund](#)

[Working Lands Enterprise Fund](#)

The [Small Business Administration \(SBA\)](#) provides [financial assistance](#). SBA's investment programs, business loan programs, disaster loan programs, and bonding for contractors help start, run, and grow businesses. There are [21 offices](#) in Vermont.

Vermont District Office

Phone: (802) 828-4422

The [USDA Rural Development Program](#) offers many programs for business development:

- [Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical, and Biobased Product Manufacturing Assistance Program](#)
- [Business & Industry Loan Guarantees](#)
- [Rural Business Development Grants](#)
- [Rural Business Investment Program](#)
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- [Strategic Economic and Community Development](#)
- [Value Added Producer Grants](#)

The [Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development](#) provides access to [funding and incentives](#).

[US Environmental Protection Agency](#) – Information and resources for financing anaerobic digesters.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

[Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation](#) provides guidance to permit applicants and environmental compliance assistance to Vermont businesses, local governments, and institutions.

[Vermont Small Business Development Center \(VT SBDC\)](#) works to positively impact and strengthen established businesses and start-up entrepreneurs through one-on-one, confidential, no-cost advising services.

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[Vermont Sustainable JobsFund](#) hosts the Vermont Agriculture Development Program, which supports the growth and long-term success of Vermont-based, value-added agricultural enterprises that are building markets and infrastructure for other Vermont agricultural businesses and local or regional food systems development.

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[Vermont Farm Viability Program](#) – a program of the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board.

DIRECTORY OF NATIONAL & NORTHEAST ORGANICS & COMPOSTING RELATED TRADE ASSOCIATIONS

- [Ag Container Recycling Council \(ACRC\)](#)
- [Association of Compost Producers \(ACP\)](#)
- [BioCycle](#)
- [Biodegradable Products Institute \(BPI\)](#)
- [Composting Association of Vermont](#)
- [Compost Manufacturing Alliance \(CMA\)](#)
- [Cornell Composting, Cornell Waste Management Institute](#)
- [Food Waste Reduction Alliance \(FWRA\)](#)
- [MD-DC Composting Committee](#)
- [Mid-Atlantic Biosolids Association \(MABA\)](#)
- [National Renderers Association](#)
- [National Waste & Recycling Association \(NWRA\)](#)
- [New Jersey Composting Council](#)
- [New York State Organics Recycling and Composting Council](#)
- [North East Biosolids & Residuals Association \(NEBRA\)](#)
- [Northeast Organic Farming Association \(NOFA\)](#)
- [Organic Trade Association \(OTA\)](#)
- [Rodale Institute](#)
- [US Composting Council \(USCC\)](#)
- [Virginia Composting Council](#)