

# Senate Bill 444

Sponsored by Senator HAYDEN (Presession filed.)

## SUMMARY

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Directs Department of Environmental Quality to establish Recycling Innovators Grant Program.  
Establishes Recycling Innovators Fund.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to recycling innovation.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 (a) **“Covered electronic device” has the meaning given that term in ORS 459A.305.**

6 (b) **“Eligible entity” means a business entity that:**

7 (A) **Has developed a business plan, including projected revenue streams, for an innovative**  
8 **project to reuse or recycle materials; and**

9 (B) **Does not owe any delinquent state or local tax.**

10 (c) **“Recycling” has the meaning given that term in ORS 459.005.**

11 (d) **“Responsible end market” has the meaning given that term in ORS 459A.863.**

12 (e) **“Reuse” has the meaning given that term in ORS 459.005.**

13 (2)(a) **The Department of Environmental Quality shall establish a Recycling Innovators**  
14 **Grant Program to support the development of innovative and demonstrable solutions to**  
15 **complex recycling issues by eligible entities.**

16 (b) **Grants under the program shall be used only for reimbursements for capital invest-**  
17 **ments or direct research and development expenses related to the creation, in this state, of**  
18 **new facilities or the expansion of existing facilities that use innovative technologies to reuse**  
19 **or recycle materials.**

20 (c) **The department may establish materials for which reuse or recycling is a priority**  
21 **under the program, including but not limited to:**

22 (A) **Plastics that are currently not economically feasible to reuse or recycle or for which**  
23 **there are not sufficient responsible end markets;**

24 (B) **Electronics that are not covered electronic devices, including components of motor**  
25 **vehicles;**

26 (C) **Electric motor vehicle components and batteries; and**

27 (D) **Wood or wood products that cannot be used as a biofuel.**

28 (3) **An eligible entity shall apply for a grant in the form and manner prescribed by the**  
29 **department. An application must demonstrate:**

30 (a) **How the applicant will collect, store and process materials;**

31 (b) **How the facilities and processes used by the applicant can be scaled to increase reuse**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted.  
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1 or recycling regionally;

2 (c) That the facility is, or will be in the case of a new facility, operated pursuant to a  
3 disposal site permit under ORS 459.205 and is otherwise in compliance with state or federal  
4 law governing the disposal of solid waste and all applicable local land use regulations;

5 (d) That the facility will receive materials from the region in which it is located; and

6 (e) That the facility will be available to accept materials within 12 months of receiving a  
7 grant under this section.

8 (4) Grant funds may not be used to cover general operating costs, to pay salaries, divi-  
9 dends or other payments to owners or shareholders or for the acquisition of real property.

10 (5) Grants awarded under this section may not exceed \$2 million.

11 (6) The Environmental Quality Commission may adopt rules as necessary to implement  
12 this section.

13 **SECTION 2.** The Recycling Innovators Fund is established in the State Treasury, sepa-  
14 rate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Recycling Innovators Fund  
15 shall be credited to the fund. Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the De-  
16 partment of Environmental Quality for the purposes of carrying out section 1 of this 2023  
17 Act.

18 **SECTION 3.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-  
19 ated to the Department of Environmental Quality, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023,  
20 out of the General Fund, the amount of \$20,000,000, for deposit in the Recycling Innovators  
21 Fund established under section 2 of this 2023 Act.