



**MINNESOTA POLLUTION
CONTROL AGENCY**

FY24 & FY25 Materials management and solid waste grants

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FY24 & FY25 one-time statewide grant funding



Statewide prevention of wasted food & food rescue

- \$3.5M additional
- \$1M existing



Statewide waste reduction & reuse

- \$2.4M new



Statewide recycling market development

- \$5M additional (\$500k for loans)
- \$800k existing



Statewide sustainable building & materials management

- \$2M new



Statewide organics management

- \$5M new (\$500k for loans)



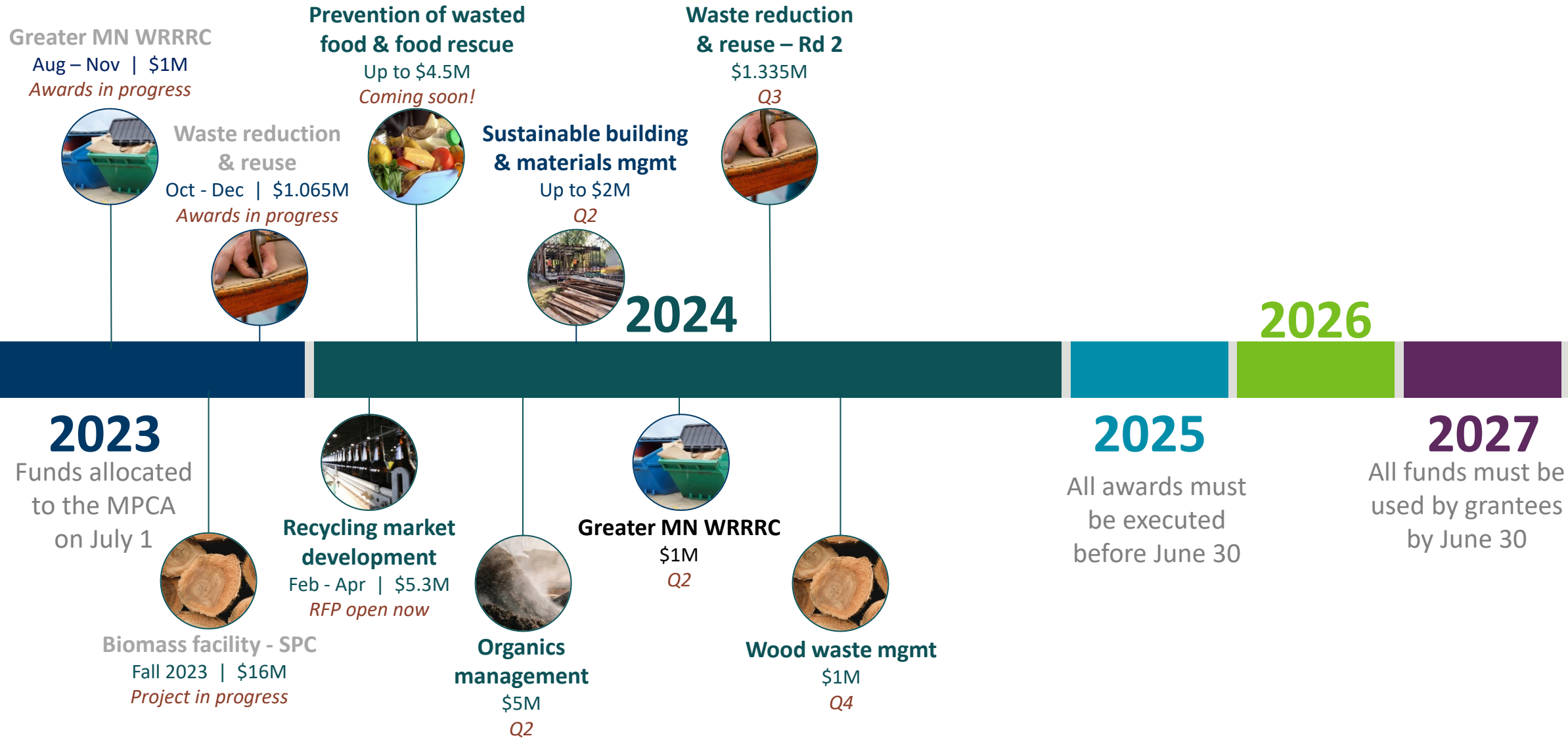
Biomass facility funding & wood waste management

- \$1M new
- \$16M for St Paul Co-Gen/District Energy
- \$3M for Koda Energy

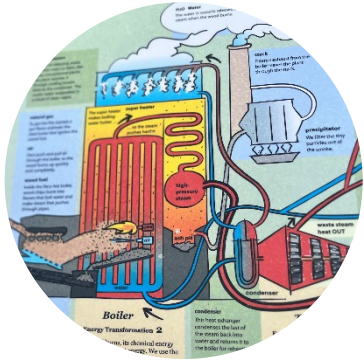
During the 2023 legislative session, the MPCA was awarded \$21.9M in one-time grant funding for materials management and solid waste projects across the state during FY24 and FY25.

MPCA materials management and solid waste grants

Tentative timeline for FY24/25 RFPs



MPCA materials management and solid waste grants FY24 grant round progress



Biomass facility funding - St Paul Co-Gen/ District Energy (SPC)

- 2023 Leg named SPC as direct award in Legislation
- ~\$16M awarded in Fall 2023
- Legislature authorized MPCA commissioner to set or waive a tip fee for incoming wood waste as a condition of the funding



Statewide waste reduction & reuse

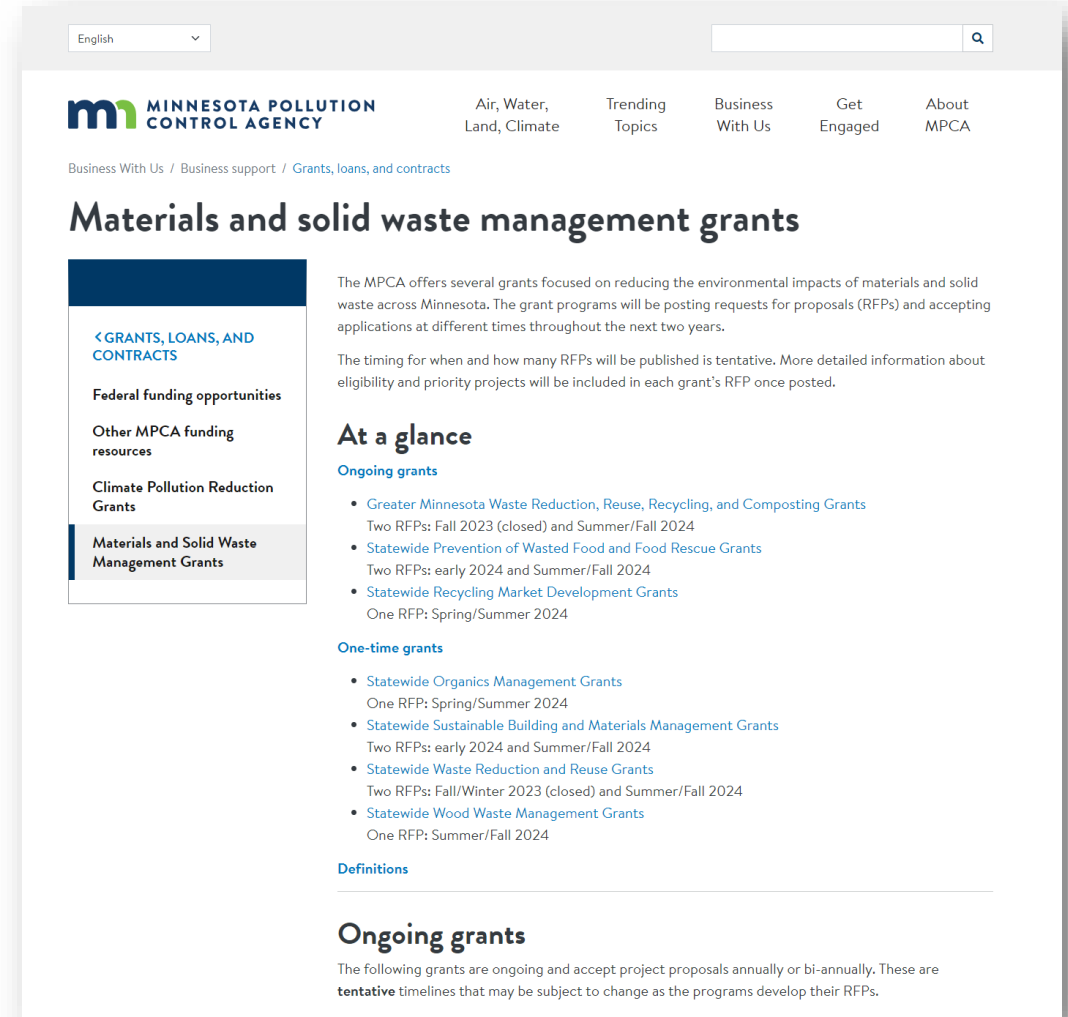
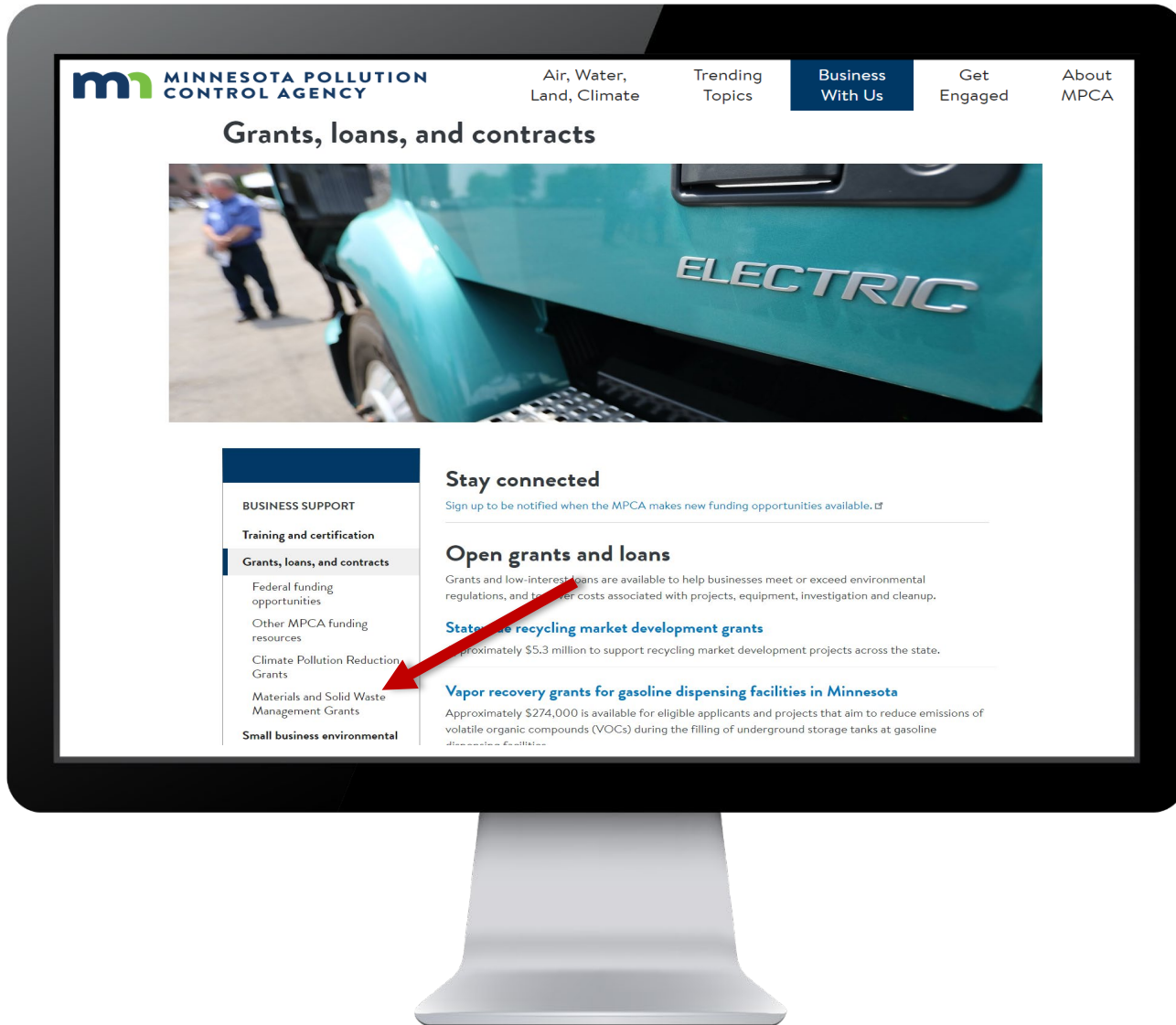
- RFP closed December 2023
- 27 grant applications received
- \$3.76M grant funds requested
- 8 projects (7 full, 1 partial) awarded using the \$1.065M available; contract awards in progress



Greater Minnesota waste reduction, reuse, recycling, & composting (WRRRC)

- RFP closed November 2023
- 11 grant applications received
- \$2.5M grant funds requested
- 5 projects awarded using the \$1M available; contract award in progress

MPCA materials management and solid waste grants website



MPCA materials management and solid waste grants

Grants outreach

Input for organics management grant:

Prior to developing the organics management RFP, program staff hosted a webinar to gather input from interested parties on the greatest areas of interest/need for Minnesota's organics management, the preferred size of grant awards (max/min), project eligibility, etc. Feedback was gathered using Mentimeter.

The screenshot shows the MPCA website's event page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the MPCA logo and menu items: Air, Water, Land, Climate; Trending Topics; Business With Us; Get Engaged; and About MPCA. Below the navigation, the page title is "INFORMATION SESSION" and the main heading is "Statewide Organics Management Grants stakeholder input meeting". The event details include the date "November 20, 2023, 1 - 2 p.m." and the event type "Information session". There are social media share buttons for Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. A contact box lists Tabitha Birdwell with her email address. The main text describes the funding and the purpose of the meeting. At the bottom, there is a "RELATED EVENTS" section listing "Mar 8, 2024 | Information session" and "Pig's Eye Dump task force meeting".

GM WRRRC webinar:

After the RFP was posted for the GM grant round, program and Contracts staff hosted a webinar to give an overview, provide direction for using SWIFT, and answer initial questions.

The screenshot shows a webinar slide titled "Applying for a Grant". The slide lists the following requirements:

- Deadline is Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 4pm CST
 - No late proposals will be accepted
- Must include a completed:
 - Application and workplan (Microsoft Word format)
 - Budget spreadsheet (Microsoft Excel format)
- Must submit through SWIFT

Recycling market development webinar:

After the RFP was posted for the Recycling market development grant round, an announcement of the webinar date was made.

Program and Contracts staff are hosting a webinar today! A recording will be available online.

MPCA materials management and solid waste grants

Grant materials

GovDelivery and partner emails to LGUs, associations, member networks, community groups (inc. Electronic fliers):



Grants available
Learn about our state's efforts to manage materials more sustainably.
Apply for this opportunity today.

\$1.065 million available for statewide waste reduction and reuse grants


As a part of the materials management and solid waste grants funding allocated by the Minnesota Legislature in 2023, the MPCA is now accepting applications for grant projects working to expand waste reduction and reuse, rental, and repair efforts around the state.

These strategies have the potential to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other pollutants, reduce the demand for resource extraction, and reduce the amount of waste sent to landfills. By extending the useful life of existing materials and strengthening trained skillsets in repair, reuse also supports the local economy and increases access to products and services.

Information to help applicants submit proposals can be found on the [grant web page](#). Applications are due no later than 4:00 p.m. CT on Thursday, December 14, 2023 through the [SWIFT Supplier Portal](#). Applicants need to be registered in SWIFT so please review all information carefully and sign up early!

Funding available
Approximately \$1.065 million in funding is available. The minimum individual grant

Website feature stories/features on grant projects:



MPCA partners with Department of Veterans Affairs to reduce food waste

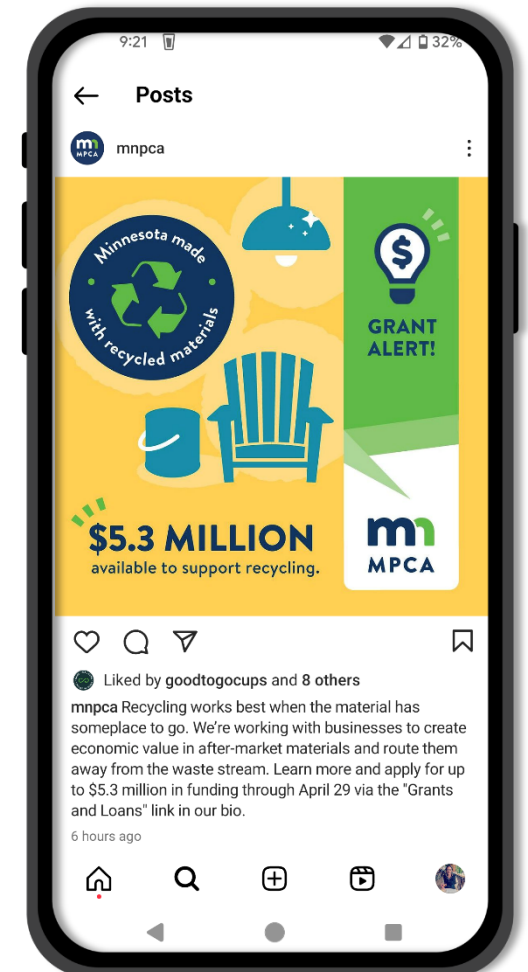
For Sheldon Weiss, a resident at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Minneapolis, growing up during the Great Depression taught him the value of conserving food.

"Some spaghetti, a couple of meatballs, and a nice marinara sauce – what more could you ask for!" he says.

Not everybody at the home joins Weiss in the clean plate club, however, which posed a challenge for the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA): How to prevent food waste and at the same time provide ample and nutritious meals for its residents. To solve that challenge, the MDVA recently teamed up with the MPCA to implement new technology that will reduce the amount of food that is thrown away in its homes.

Using a \$185,000 grant from the MPCA's Resource Management and Assistance Division, the MDVA revamped the way it serves food to residents. The MDVA started by investing in new iPads and software for its facilities in Minneapolis, Hastings, Silver Bay, Fergus Falls, and Luverne. MDVA

Social media posts:



GRANT ALERT!

\$5.3 MILLION available to support recycling.

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mnpca Recycling works best when the material has someplace to go. We're working with businesses to create economic value in after-market materials and route them away from the waste stream. Learn more and apply for up to \$5.3 million in funding through April 29 via the "Grants and Loans" link in our bio.

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Challenges and initiatives



Limited staff capacity

- HR's limited capacity has resulted in a delay of hiring the temporary grant staff made available with this new funding from the 2023 Leg.
- Contracts and program staff's limited capacity has resulted in delays developing RFPs and delays in contract agreements being signed.



Temporary grant staff positions

- 1 temp wood waste specialist (on track to hire April)
- 3 temp grant managers (timing TBD)



Standardization in grant making

- Working to standardize grant processes where all Resource Management and Assistance teams and programs use the same materials, steps, reporting, etc.
- Prepare onboarding materials and assignments for the anticipated temporary grant staff.

Questions?



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