



# Memorandum

## MONTEREY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

DATE: June 9, 2022  
 TO: Board of Directors  
 FROM: Kristin O'Hara, Communications and Public Education Manager  
 SUBJECT: FY 21/22 SB 1383 Edible Food Recovery Pilot Grant Funding Awards

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**RECOMENDDATION:** That the Board receive this report.

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### **BACKGROUND**

The Edible Food Recovery pilot grant is funded by SB 1383 shared costs MOU between member agencies. The District and Salinas Valley Recycles each budgeted \$50,000 for FY 21/22, which totals \$100,000 of pilot grant funding. The District Board approved the SB 1383 Edible Food Recovery Pilot Grant Funding Opportunity process at the May 20, 2022, meeting.

Eligible food rescue organizations were identified on findings from the 2021 Edible Food Recovery Capacity Planning Assessment with a goal to increase edible food recovery capacity countywide in support of the region's compliance with SB 1383. Additional competitive grant funding cycles are anticipated in future fiscal years to support continued capacity building throughout the region.

Given the timing of this grant, it became imperative that funds were granted by the end of the FY21/22. Approximately 15 edible food recovery organizations were encouraged to apply for pilot grant funding. Organizations could apply for grants of \$1,000 up to a maximum award of \$20,000. The average grant award for food recovery organizations under this solicitation was anticipated to be \$5,000 to \$10,000.

On the pilot grant application, each organization had to provide a baseline of their current capacity in either number of pounds of edible food collection, pounds of food distributed, number of donations accepted, meals served, or number of individuals served. The application asked how funding would increase capacity to accept and distribute more edible food donations, and what the estimated impact would be in terms of pounds, donations, meals, or individuals served on a monthly or annual basis. Organizations were asked to create an expense summary of how grant funds would be used. Multiple organizations identified funds would be used to purchase additional shelving, refrigeration and freezer units, pallet jacks, and contribute to vehicle purchases for transportation. All projects had to be justified and detail how the expense would increase edible food storage capacity.

### **DISCUSSION**

The committee reviewed all applications and scored organizations on specific criteria, such as the potential impact to increase edible food recovery capacity and if the identified expenditures offer multiple benefits. The top scoring organizations include:

- Dorothy's Kitchen – Serves Salinas
- Loaves and Fishes – Serves Monterey Peninsula and Salinas Valley
- Meals on Wheels – Serves Salinas, Greenfield, Gonzales, King City, Soledad, Unincorporated Salinas Valley
- Shoreline Church – Serves all areas of Monterey County
- Victory Mission – Serves Marina, Monterey, Sand City, Salinas

Each organization will be awarded \$20,000 (\$10,000 for each applicant from each waste district).

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

None

### **CONCLUSION**

It is with pleasure that we present pilot funds to the above edible food recovery organizations on behalf the member agencies we serve.