

SB 1383 Edible Food Recovery Program - Grant Funding Opportunity, FY 24/25

Summary of Funding

This grant is intended to expand and enhance edible food recovery programs at food rescue organizations and services operating within the Monterey County region to better accommodate state mandates and broaden community operations. This grant is designed to:

1. Help increase the capacity of local food rescue organizations and services operating within the County of Monterey.
2. Assist local food recovery organizations and services by funding the purchase of equipment, materials, and supplies that will increase the total pounds of edible food an organization or service is able to recover and distribute to those in need.
3. Improve our region's ability to respond to and comply with SB 1383 mandates by increasing capacity, thereby allowing businesses to donate the maximum amount of edible food that would otherwise be disposed of.
4. Ensure food safety as edible food recovery capacity and donations increase.

State Mandate

Senate Bill 1383 - Short-Lived Climate Pollutants

[SB 1383](#)

SB 1383 establishes the following primary targets:

1. Achieve 50% reduction in statewide organic disposal from 2014 levels by 2020.
2. Achieve 75% reduction in statewide organic disposal from 2014 levels by 2025.
3. Recover for human consumption a minimum of 20% of edible food that would otherwise be disposed by 2025

Preface

The SB 1383 Edible Food Recovery Program - Grant Funding Opportunity, FY 24/25 intends to award a total of up to \$90,000 to non-profit organizations, businesses, or public entities that collect, generate, and distribute food to those in need and charities within the County of Monterey. Applicants must operate within the service areas of Salinas Valley Recycles (SVR)*or Monterey Regional Waste Management District (ReGen Monterey)**. The award will strengthen current food rescue programs in order to better comply with California edible food waste recovery laws.

*The **Salinas Valley Recycles** service area includes: Gonzales, Greenfield, King City, Salinas, Soledad, and Eastern Unincorporated Monterey County.

****ReGen Monterey** includes: Carmel-by-the-Sea, Del Rey Oaks, Marina, Monterey, Pacific Grove, Seaside, Sand City, Pebble Beach Community Services District, and Unincorporated Monterey County.

Organizations may request a minimum of \$1,000 and a maximum of \$25,000. We anticipate the average award to be between \$5,000 and \$10,000. This grant does not require matching funds or cost-share, but it is highly recommended. Additional funding may be allocated in future years to further bolster the region's ability to prevent edible food waste. Funds may be used by awarded recipients for qualified expenditures listed in the awardees approved budget and in line with grant requirements. **A minimum of 2 quotes** for requested expenditures are required when making this application. By contract, all purchases made using the grant must be reported to ensure proper use of funds and must include valid documentation with time-stamped receipts.

Applicants will submit proposals based on individual organization needs. Examples of eligible expenses include the following:

Shelving Units	Refrigeration Units	Freezer Units
Kitchen Supplies	Food Preservation Supplies	Food Recovery Vehicles
Staffing/Wages	Volunteer Stipends	

Ineligible expenses include any items that do not directly increase food rescue capacity for the individual organization.

Priority deadline award payments will be made upfront with checks issued in **December 2024/January 2025**.

Grant Timeline

The priority cycle for this grant will be a 12 month term. If not all funding is expended within the priority application window as listed below, the application may be reopened in December for non-priority applicants. The non-priority cycle for this grant will be a 12 month term.

August, 2024	Grant Application Releases
October 31, 2024	Grant Application Closes
November 2024	Notice of Proposed Awards
December, 2024–January 2025	Agreements Executed and Funds Issued
January 2025	Grant Term Begins
March 15, 2025	First Quarterly Update Due
June 15, 2025	Second Quarterly Update Due
September 15, 2025	Third Quarterly Update Due
December 31, 2025	Grant Term Ends Final Reports Due

Eligibility Requirements

Any non-profit organization, business, or public entity operating within the selected area that collects and/or distributes recovered edible food for public need. Priority will be given to applicants who have not received funding from the agencies for previous Edible Food Recovery Capacity Building Grant cycles; however, previous grant recipients are still strongly encouraged to apply. Selected areas include the following:

Salinas Valley Recycles: City of Gonzales, City of Greenfield, King City, City of Salinas, City of Soledad, or Eastern Unincorporated Monterey County.

ReGen Monterey: City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, City of Del Rey Oaks, City of Marina, City of Monterey, City of Pacific Grove, City of Seaside, Sand City, Pebble Beach Community Services District, or Unincorporated Monterey County.

Organizations selected for funding from previous Edible Food Recovery Grant cycles who have not completed their grant projects and submitted their Final Reports, are not eligible for funding from this grant (Edible Food Recovery Grant Program, FY 24/25).

Applicant Requirements

- Applicants must fill out and submit a W9 in order to receive any awarded funds.
- Applicants must submit a minimum of 2 quotes for requested expenditures along with their application.
- Applicants must maintain current Food Safety handlers certification and appropriate required permits.
- Applicants must be in good standing with SVR and ReGen Monterey.
- Applicants must create and utilize a free account for their organization on the Careit web/mobile application (technical assistance can be provided; please contact marley@bluestrikeenvironmental.com).
- Applicants must track and report project results. Results and progress will be summarized in quarterly reports, due March 15, 2025, June 15, 2025, and September 15, 2025. Results will also be summarized in a Final Report due by December 31, 2025. Project progress and results include but are not limited to:
 - Accounting and documentation for actual expenditures made in line with approved grant funding.
 - Quantification of increased capacity in the form of increased numbers of pounds of food collected, pounds of food distributed, individuals served, meals served, square feet of storage, etc.
 - Utilization of the Careit application.
 - Changes in disposal: reduced disposal of spoiled food, increased/added organics diversion.
 - Changes and/or unforeseen circumstances impacting the grant project timeline and/or scope.

- Other results and outcomes related to the approved project scope.

Eligible Expenses

Prioritized Eligible Expenses:

Equipment, materials, or supplies to increase safe food recovery, preparation, preservation (canning, vacuum sealing, jamming, ect.), handling, storage, and/or transportation of food donations to/from donating parties, audiences served, and related activities.

Also Eligible:

- Staff time and activities to support project coordination, training, outreach, education, tracking, or reporting associated with the proposed project.
- Vehicles and refrigerated vehicles.
- Equipment and/or installation/upgrading of safe food storage or refrigeration infrastructure and systems (e.g. walk-in refrigerators).
- Volunteer stipends.
- Supplies for food recovery (gloves, bags etc)
- Gas for transportation of food

*Daily operational expenses, including gas and supplies for food recovery will be capped at 10% of the total requested funds.

Ineligible Expenses:

- The purchase or leasing of buildings or properties.
- Food (perishable or nonperishable).
- Any expenses incurred before the start of the grant term.

Application Submission

Priority proposal applications must be submitted by 5:00PM on **October 31, 2024**. Applications must be submitted via email. A confirmation message following submission will be sent. Applications received after 5:00PM on **October 31, 2024**, will not be considered for funding.

Please submit application via email in the following format:

Email: katy@bluestrikeenvironmental.com

CC: kohara@regenmonterey.org

Subject Line: [Applicant Title] SB 1383 Edible Food Recovery - Grant Funding Application, FY 24-25

Technical assistance and support can be provided to interested applicants.
Please contact: katy@bluestrikeenvironmental.com