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# EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD

# Altamont Landfill Settlement Agreement

# 2022 Annual Report

### Background

In 1999, the cities of Livermore and Pleasanton, the Sierra Club and the Northern California Recycling Association (NCRA) entered into a settlement agreement with Alameda County and Altamont Landfill. The Altamont Landfill Settlement Agreement created the Altamont Education Advisory Board to propose allocation of funds in the Education Account for recycling education programs, job training in the field of waste prevention and recycling and mitigating the impacts of the landfill operations in the affected community. Funds generated from the $0.34 per ton surcharge amount to approximately $500,000 annually.

There are five voting members on the Education Advisory Board: one appointed by the Livermore City Council; one appointed by the Pleasanton City Council; two appointed by NCRA; and the Alameda County Recycling Board’s Environmental Educator.

The role of the Education Advisory Board is to annually propose the allocation of funds from the Education Account by submitting an Expenditure Plan by April 1 of each year. Concurrence of Alameda County, the cities of Livermore and Pleasanton, and NCRA on the Expenditure Plan is necessary before funds are allocated.

Funds are collected from the Altamont Landfill by the Alameda County Treasurer. The County then remits the annual allocation to the agency administering the funds (07-08 City of Pleasanton, 08-13 and out years, City of Livermore) for disbursal to grant recipients.

### 2022 Activities

The 2022 Expenditure Plan was approved by each of the parties in the spring of 2022. The Expenditure Plan proposed the following allocations:

Board Communications, website $5,000

Mini-Grants $125,000

Project Grants $280,000

Board Initiated Project Grants $75,000

Multi-Year Grants $85,000

ALARM mitigation projects $0,000

Fund administration $30,000

**TOTAL $600,000**

Based on the allocation established by the Expenditure Plan, the Education Advisory Board released a Request for Grant Applications for mini-grants, project grants, board initiated project grants and multi-year grants pursuant to the guidelines established in the settlement agreement.

### Mini-grants

The Education Advisory Board awarded 13 Mini-Grants for projects meeting the grant criteria, as follows:

**Mini-Grant #: 22-01 Oakland Leaf Foundation, Love Cultivating Schoolyards Grant, Oakland, West County, $3,000.00 -** Funds will be used to develop the waste prevention skills and knowledge of 15 East Oakland High School Students; sustain a zero waste youth-led one acre urban farm and local food distribution initiative; and positively influence the culture of the students and their peers and families related to waste and consumption.

**Mini-Grant #: 22-02 Fixit Clinic, Ubiquitous Community-Wide Repair, Berkeley, West County, $3,000.00 -** Funds will be used to hold Fixit Clinics in conjunction with weekly Hardware Hacking Tuesday events that will leverage the workspace, tools and electronics expertise, making those resources available to Alameda County residents to troubleshoot, disassemble and repair their household appliances and consumer electronics.

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**Mini-Grant #: 22-03 Fixit Clinic, Fremont’s Fixing High School, Berkeley, West County, $3,000.00 -** Funds will be used to support students at Fremont’s Irvington High School in learning repair through repairing throughout their community, developing valuable critical thinking and troubleshooting skills.

**2022 Funding Expenditures**

Total Expenditures for 2022 were as follows:

Board Communications, website $5,000.00

Mini-Grants $35,868.10  
Project Grants $304,423.00

Multi-Year Grants $215,000.00  
Board Initiated Project Grants $0,000.00  
ALARM mitigation projects $0,000.00 Fund administration $30,000.00

Total 2022 Expenditures $590,291.10

**Mini-Grant #: 22-04 KIDS for the BAY, Blue Watershed Classrooms Program, Berkeley, West County, $3,000.00 -** Funds will be used as a part of a teacher follow-up support program for under-resourced elementary school students in low-income areas to shirt the culture and practice of waste prevention and waste management in their schools.

**Mini-Grant #: 22-05 Re-Up Refills, Zero Waste Storefront & Educational Signage, Oakland, West County, $3,000.00 -** Funds will be used to support the creation of signage that will expose a greater audience to the waste reduction service, as well as educate visitors on ecological issues in order to help them make more sustainable consumption choices.

**Mini-Grant #: 22-06 2 A Good Cause, Inc., Second Helping, Oakland, West County, $3,000.00 -** Funds will be used to establish a pilot program that would eventually spread throughout the county distributing books and unclaimed lost and found items, keeping items out of the landfills and into the hands of those who need them.

**Mini-Grant #: 22-07 Valley Montessori School, Compost & Waste Diversion Education, Livermore, East County, $3,000.00 -** Funds will be used to provide compost diversion education and training for teachers, staff, students and parents by a Master Composter consultant.

**Mini-Grant #: 22-08 Ecology Center, Plastic Free July 2022, Berkeley, West County, $3,000.00 -** Funds will be used to utilize a “glocal” lens, thinking globally while acting locally, to lead and create meaningful opportunities for lasting change in the fight to address the plastics pollution, during the month of July in which an annual and global movement helps millions of people be part of the solution to plastic pollution.

**Mini-Grant #: 22-09 Jennifer Abbe, Equipment and Materials for Alameda, San Leandro and Newark Schools, Alameda, West County, $368.10 -** Funds will be used to purchase replacement recycling bins, stickers, trash pickers, aprons and reusable lesson plans for each district, to replace what materials have been lost or degraded over the years.

**Mini-Grant #: 22-10 Jennifer Abbe, Equipment and Materials for Alameda, San Leandro and New Schools-Part 2, Alameda, West County, $3,000.00 -** Funds will be used to purchase replacement recycling bins, stickers, trash pickers, aprons and reusable lesson plans for each district, to replace what materials have been lost or degraded over the years.

**Mini-Grant #: 22-11 Bio-Link Depot, Inc,, Increased Support for Hands-On STEM Education in Underserved Schools within Altamont EAB Region, Oakland, West County, $3,000.00 -** Funds will be used to sponsor an extra Open House event this Fall, which will be reserved only for Title 1 schools and Community Colleges within Alameda County as well as the cities of Livermore and Pleasanton.

**Mini-Grant #: 22-12 Community Action for a Sustainable Alameda, CASA Youth Social Media Internship, Part 2, Alameda, West County, $3,000.00 -** Funds will be used to continue the progress with CASA’s social media platforms on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter, spreading awareness and inspiring action for their zero-waste programs currently running and those being rolled out.

**Mini-Grant #: 22-13 Center for Recycling Research, Obstacles to Zero Waste, Oakland, West County, $2,500.00 -** Funds will be used to construct temporary towers, eight feet tall, with the top four feet being a wire cage enclosing the advertised products and materials, with signage saying “Obstacles to Zero Waste.” At the base of the towers, there will be handouts indicating how positive force can be placed on the users and manufacturers to either change the product to create markets for the now-unused P&M or switch to other P&Ms.

**The total 2022 Expenditure Plan budget of $125,000 for Mini-Grants was approved by the Board along with the option to carry over all unexpended funds from previous grant years and expend if necessary.  A total of $35,868.10** **in Mini-Grants was approved.**

**Project Grants**

The Education Advisory Board awarded 9 Project Grants to the following projects:

**Project Grant #: 22-14 Castro Valley Sanitary District, Castro Valley High School Composting Stations Part 3, Castro Valley, West County, $23,800.00-** Funds from this grant will be used to install 14 more stations around the campus at Castro Valley High School by October 2022 to expand accessibility of source-separation to students and staff; support recent reduction in garbage service so the school can maintain it.

**Project Grant #: 22-15 Fixit Clinic, San Lorenzo Loves Repairing, Berkeley, West County, $14,750.00-** Funds from this grant will be used to hold a Fixit Clinic at the San Lorenzo Library in which they will host additional repair-related activities.

**Project Grant #: 22-16 Food Shift, PAWsitive Food Recovery & Upcycling, Berkeley, West County, $20,000.00-** Funds from this grant will be used to improve and codify best practices in upcycling food production waste into commercial food products and provide more job opportunities.

**Project Grant #: 22-17 Resource Area for Teaching (RAFT), RAFT Diversion and Delivery of Hands-on STEAM Learning Materials, San Jose, West County, $15,000.00-** Funds from this grant will be used to support the collection of donated materials from Alameda County and San Ramon businesses for use as hands-on learning STEAM materials, which will be repurposed as hands-on STEAM Project Kits and bulk creative reuse materials to be delivered to up to 5 schools.

**Project Grant #: 22-18 Center for Environmental Health, The Road to Reusables, Oakland, West County, $30,000.00-** Funds from this grant will be used to support the efforts to transition Alameda County K-12 schools to the most sustainable food ware option-reusables-by starting the conversation through the lens of protecting children’s health.

**Project Grant #: 22-19 The Berkeley Food Network, Deepening Youth Engagement in Food Recovery Program, Berkeley, West County, $30,000.00-** Funds from this grant will be used to increase the capacity to rescue food and support the implementation of SB 1383, while at the same time, educate and engage local youth in the work of food recovery and hunger relief.

**Project Grant #: 22-20 The Go Green Initiative Association, Developing District-Wide AB 341, AB 827 and SB 1383 Compliance Programs in Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District and Albany Unified School District, Pleasanton, East County, $30,000.00-** Funds from this grant will be used to work with senior administrators to establish a District-level Green Team, and train them in regularly scheduled meetings to evaluate their schools’ compliance with AB 341, AB 827 and SB 1383 and implement source reduction and achieve uncontaminated waste diversion.

**Project Grant #: 22-21 East Bay Depot for Creative Reuse, Community Education in Reuse and Repair, Oakland, West County, $30,000.00-** Funds from this grant will be used to educate the community in the many ways items can be reused or repaired, supply hands-on instruction and a physical space to create art and conduct repairs, make reuse and repair accessible to everyone in the community, keep reusable materials out of the landfills, facilitate collection and redistribution of items which the community has donated and make reusable or repairable goods available to those in need.

**Project Grant #: 22-22 The Go Green Initiative Association, Creating a Shareable Toolkit for School Districts: Data-Driven Waste Reduction and Diversion Optimization, Pleasanton, East County, $13,200.00-** Funds from this grant will be used to provide incentives and support for Green Teams, quantify success and achieve school savings and develop a toolkit for replication in other districts.

**Project Grant #: 22-23 Re-Up Refills, Waste Diversion Education Coordinator, Oakland, West County, $26,000.00-** Funds from this grant will be used to formalize the position of a Waste Diversion Education Coordinator within the organization, by helping support the salary and materials budget for this position.

**Project Grant #: 22-24 Race to Zero Waste, Coalition Building, San Francisco, West County, $30,000.00-** Funds from this grant will be used to conduct outreach to cafes and restaurants to understand their needs, sticking points, challenges and possible past attempts at reducing single-use service-ware.

**Project Grant #: 22-25 San Lorenzo Unified School District, Maximize Resource Recovery, San Lorenzo, West County, $50,000.00-** Funds from this grant will be used to maximize diversion efforts, provide custodians the proper equipment needed to collect and transport the sorted materials to the appropriate service containers and provide a learning environment that is both welcoming and sustaining.

**The total 2022 Expenditure Plan budget of $280,000 for Project Grants was approved by the Board along with the option to carry over all unexpended funds from previous grant years and expend if necessary.  A total of $304,423.00** **in Project Grants was awarded.**

**Multi-Year Grants**

The Education Advisory Board awarded 3 Multi-Year Grants in the 2022 cycle.

**Multi-Year Grant #: 22-26(1) Kid Scoop News, Urgently Needed Waste Prevention Education Project to meet SB 1383, Sonoma, West County, $50,000.00-** Funds from this grant will be used to get Earth Tips pages and activity books into the hands of district curriculum coordinators and key educators at each school as a response to the school requests for resources to restart their waste prevention and sorting culture.

**Multi-Year Grant #: 22-27(1) Ecology Center, Zero Waste Youth Job Training, Berkeley, West County, $30,000.00-** Funds from this grant will be used to inspire and engage youth ages 15-24 to be the next generation of environmental justice advocates by preparing them to tackle plastic waste through community engagement, education and advocacy. It will also urge Berkeley to phase out single-use plastic bags from grocery stores and restaurants.

**Multi-Year Grant #: 22-28(1) The Go Green Initiative Association, Institutionalizing AB 341, 1826 and SB 1383 in Hayward Unified School District (HUSD), Berkeley, West County, $50,000.00-** Funds from this grant will be used to implement a source reduction and waste diversion program that ensure high-quality, uncontaminated streams of recovered materials, recycling and organics throughout Hayward Unified School District (HUSD); provide bins for the lunch area on campus; provide educational tools and training to teachers, students and administrators; create leadership opportunities for students; create a sustainable Integrated Waste Management program.

**The total 2022 Expenditure Plan budget of $85,000 for Multi-Year Grants was approved by the Board along with the option to carry over all unexpended funds from previous grant years and expend if necessary.  A total of $130,000.00 in Multi-Year Grants was awarded.**

**ALARM Mitigation Projects**

Pursuant to the terms of the settlement agreement, the 2022 Expenditure Plan set aside $0 for mitigation projects for landowners in the vicinity of the landfill. The Education Advisory Board corresponded with ALARM (Altamont Landowners Against Rural Mismanagement) to notify them of the available funding. No applications were submitted for consideration during the 2022 funding cycle. The Board will continue to communicate with ALARM regarding appropriate projects for funding.