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# EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD

# Altamont Landfill Settlement Agreement

# 2023 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 $0.45 and $0.42 per ton surcharge amount to approximately $560,000 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.

### 2023 Activities

The 2023 Expenditure Plan was approved by each of the parties in the spring of 2023. The Expenditure Plan proposed the following allocations:

Board Communications, website $5,000

Mini-Grants $125,000

Project Grants $250,000

Board Initiated Project Grants $50,000

Multi-Year Grants $160,000

ALARM mitigation projects $0,000

Staff Support $30,000

Fund management & support $30,000

**TOTAL $650,000**

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 18 Mini-Grants for projects meeting the grant criteria, as follows:

**Mini-Grant #: 23-01 Oakland Leaf Foundation, Love Cultivating Schoolyards Grant, Oakland, West County, $4,000.00 -** 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; positively influence the culture of our students and their peers and families related to waste consumption.

**Mini-Grant #: 23-02 Resilience Birthright, Inc., Free Baby Resilience Books, Alameda, West County, $3,900.00 -** Funds will be used to provide Baby Resilience and Friends books and curriculum to schools and districts that need the support to continue their environmental programs while enhancing other programs simultaneously, targeting K-2nd grade.

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**Mini-Grant #: 23-03 Bio-Link Depot, Inc., Increased Support for Hands-On STEM Education in Underserved Schools within Altamont EAB Region, Oakland, West County, $4,000.00 -** Funds will be used to support the first portion of one of the Open House events, to be reserved solely for Title 1 schools and Community Colleges within Alameda County, as well as the city of San Ramon.

**2023 Funding Expenditures**

Total Expenditures for 2023 were as follows:

Board Communications, website $5,000.00

Mini-Grants $69,900.00  
Project Grants $276,450.00

Multi-Year Grants $61,075.00  
Board Initiated Project Grants $0,000.00  
ALARM mitigation projects $0,000.00 Staff Support $30,000.00

Fund management & support $30,000.00

Total 2023 Expenditures $472,425.00

**Mini-Grant #: 23-04 Omni Commons Community Collective, Re-use and Repair for Alameda County, Oakland, West County, $4,000.00 -** Funds will be used to hold regular repair and reuse events (also known as “Fixit Clinics”) that will leverage the workspace, tools, and expertise already at Omni Commons and make those available to Alameda County residents to aid in repair of anything that is broken.

**Mini-Grant #: 23-05 Ecology Center, Plastic Free July 2023, Berkeley, West County, $4,000.00 -** Funds will be used to develop and facilitate Ecology Center’s 2023 Plastic Free July Series of events and activities that are held to raise awareness about the impacts of the plastics crisis and to encourage action towards a circular economy.

**Mini-Grant #: 23-06 Ecology Center, Ecology Center EcoStore Pilot Refill Program, Berkeley, West County, $4,000.00 -** Funds will be used to aid in the leverage of the Ecology Center’s existing network and infrastructure to bring awareness to refill and reuse systems and demonstrate an investment in local reuse models, through the introduction of a bulk refill service.

**Mini-Grant #: 23-07 KIDS for the BAY, Blue Watershed Classrooms Program, Berkeley, West County, $4,000.00 -** Funds will be used to fund the Blue Watershed Classrooms teacher follow-up support program (BWC) for under-resourced elementary school students in low-income areas.

**Mini-Grant #: 23-08 Fixit Clinic, Fixing at Grimmer STEAM Club, Berkeley, West County, $4,000.00 -** Funds will be used to teach and oversee repair with Grimmer Elementary School students during club meetings to teach repair and maintenance skills to students.

**Mini-Grant #: 23-09 Fixit Clinic, Converting Chromebooks, Berkeley, West County, $4,000.00 -** Funds will be used to teach Alameda County students and residents how to modify and update Chromebooks so that they can be diverted from e-waste and kept in the communities as functioning laptops.

**Mini-Grant #: 23-10 Cecelia Mosher-Clark, Fashioning the Future, Oakland, West County, $4,000.00 -** Funds will be used to facilitate opportunities for people of all ages to train, experience and acquire many different skills needed in the soft goods manufacturing industry by providing hands-on experience for the use and value of recycled materials, the care and refurbishing of sewing machines and production processes.

**Mini-Grant #: 23-11 Forestr.org, Marshall Elementary School Garden Revitalization, Castro Valley, East County, $4,000.00 -** Funds will be used to rebuild the garden planters using reclaimed redwood which will last for many years; will also repave the entry to the garden and provide ADA accessible path to the raised ADA planter for students with mobility challenges; composting bins will also be made for both composting and a dedicated worm compost bin.

**Mini-Grant #: 23-12 Goodwill of San Francisco Bay, Counterfeit art at the intersection of education, sustainability and workforce development, Oakland, West County, $4,000.00 -** Funds will be used to bolster staff training in Alameda County on how to identify counterfeit goods; create an art piece with counterfeit goods; educate Alameda County community members about why counterfeit goods are problematic.

**Mini-Grant #: 23-13 Forestr.org, Castro Valley-Sustainable Gardening Series, Castro Valley, East County, $4,000.00 -** Funds will be used to host 4 public events, aligned with the seasons, that will engage residents in Castro Valley community and its surrounds to learn about sustainability practice related to home gardening and permaculture. host 4 public events, aligned with the seasons, that will engage residents in Castro Valley community and its surrounds to learn about sustainability practice related to home gardening and permaculture.

**Mini-Grant #: 23-14 Tri-Valley Haven for Women, Print wrap for food pantry vehicle and food pantry related signage, Livermore, East County, $4,000.00 -** Funds will be used to wrap the Food Pantry truck and for signage that will be used to promote the pantry.

**Mini-Grant #: 23-15 Berkeley Unified School District, Zero Waste in BUSD Administrative Buildings, Berkeley, West County, $3,000.00 -** Funds will be used to provide staff in the administrative buildings with the knowledge and tools to separate their waste appropriately.

**Mini-Grant #: 23-16 Urban University, Single Moms Sewing Project, Oakland, West County, $4,000.00 -** Funds will be used to engage unhoused single mothers in the area of sustainability through learning workshops and the making of upcycled products sourced from clothing textiles donated to the resale employment social enterprise.

**Mini-Grant #: 23-17 San Lorenzo Family Help Center, Decreasing food waste and defeating hunger in 2023, San Lorenzo, West County, $4,000.00 -** Funds will be used to expand the food recovery program by 50% to provide additional food for pantry clients and reduce food waste.

**Mini-Grant #: 23-18 Wee Poets, Post COVID-19 Recycling, Berkeley, West County, $3,000.00 -** Funds will be used to produce 2, 30-minute videotapes about recycling.

**The total 2023 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 $69,900.00 in Mini-Grants was approved.**

**Project Grants**

The Education Advisory Board awarded 12 Project Grants to the following projects:

**Project Grant #: 23-19 Lions Center for the Visually Impaired, You Can Do It Too! LCVI Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Awareness, Pittsburg, West County, $4,700.00-** Funds from this grant will be used to host the 2nd annual event on November 15, 2023, to expand awareness and education within our target population in the Alameda County Community about the benefits and environmental protection and preservation that starts with You Too.

**Project Grant #: 23-20 Resilience Birthright, Inc., Storytime with Resilience & 4 More Chapters 3rd-5th grade, Alameda, West County, $10,000.00-** Funds from this grant will be used to add four more chapters and characters to the Baby resilience and Friends book, targeting grades 3-5 and creating more educational materials in various media forms.

**Project Grant #: 23-21 Race to Zero Waste, Reusable Foodware and Education Project through Coalition Building (2nd year), South San Francisco, West County, $30,000.00-** Funds from this grant will be used to expand reusables through the empowerment of student groups continues Race to Zero Waste’s proven ability to engage communities in circular economics practices, waste diversion, and deliver on zero waste goals through local alliances and well-run public outreach. The plan is to continue the project and expand to 3-5 other restaurants, cafes or food trucks in the areas around CSU East Bay and Ohlone College.

**Project Grant #: 23-22 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 foodware option-reusables-by starting the conversation through the lens of protecting children’s health.

**Project Grant #: 23-23 The East Bay Depot for Creative Reuse, Casts to Classrooms, Oakland, West County, $30,000.00-** Funds from this grant will be used to conduct outreach to businesses and manufacturers to solicit donations of discarded materials; to divert reusable materials from the landfill by collecting discarded items from business and manufacturers; to source and provide reusable materials to educators at low or no cost; to provide hands on instruction and a physical space for arts and craft workshops, and repair workshops, with the goal of educating the community in the many ways items can be reused or repaired.

**Project Grant #: 23-24 Nancy Deming, K-12 Infrastructure Support, Richmond, West County, $12,000.00-** Funds from this grant will be used to cover additional time that goes beyond Nancy’s available OUSD hours so that she can focus on resources and materials in the category of social infrastructure as well as to provide and offer these resources and materials to other school districts in Alameda County.

**Project Grant #: 23-25 Fixit Clinic, Spotlight San Leandro: Resilience Through Repair, Berkeley, West County, $14,750.00-** Funds from this grant will be used to establish, deploy and maintain a true ethos of repair through all aspects of San Leandro through students and residents, but beyond that to the staff in municipal government, the school system, public works and the library.

**Project Grant #: 23-26 Math Science Nucleus, The Science of Compost, Education and Practical Application in Schools, Fremont, West County, $15,000.00-** Funds from this grant will be used to promote sustainable organic waste management practices and provide students of Mattos Elementary with the hands-on experience of compost science and its applications.

**Project Grant #: 23-27 Common Vision, Classroom Worm Composting and Food Waste Reduction Education Project, Berkeley, West County, $40,000.00-** Funds from this grant will be used to produce worm compost curriculum for use in 9 elementary schools in West Oakland, Alameda and San Leandro; Produce a MamaWanda garden video on worm composting and food waste reduction in schools; Hold MamaWanda live assemblies with life like puppets at each of the 9 elementary school sites; Work with school cafeterias around sustainability and organics composting education.

**Project Grant #: 23-28 Bay Area Redwood, Reclaimed Redwood Planter Boxes for Tri-Valley Elementary Schools, San Ramon, West County, $15,000.00-** Funds from this grant will be used to design, source materials, fabricate, deliver and create planter boxes to be used for gardening, planting trees and composting at local Tri-Valley schools, while educating and job training.

**Project Grant #: 23-29 Rebuilding Together East Bay North, Berkeley STEM Education Eco Gardens, Berkeley, West County, $15,000.00-** Funds from this grant will be used to assist in opening the Berkeley STEM Eco Gardens that will provide fresh food to unhoused and vulnerable populations in the East Bay while showcasing reclaimed garden infrastructures and educating the community on urban forestry.

**Project Grant #: 23-30 WasteWhat, Plastic Waste Reduction: Circular Soap Distribution for Alameda County, Oakland, West County, $30,000.00-** Funds from this grant will be used to support a pilot project that will bring zero waste refilling to diverse locations throughout Alameda County, through a vertically integrated partnership offering both circular soap distribution as well as consumer-facing dispenser machines.

**Project Grant #: 23-31 Dorothy Day House, Dorothy’s Closet-a Voucher Based Retail Store and Social Service Center, Berkeley, West County, $30,000.00-** Funds from this grant will be used to connect vulnerable low income and unhoused community members with services and referrals; distribute vouchers called “Dorothy Dollars” to partner with social service agencies allowing individuals to browse and select items for free at the store; facilitate open workshops monthly providing education on the environmental dangers of fast fashion, reuse, source reduction and ways to divert clothing and other materials from landfills.

**The total 2023 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 $276,450.00** **in Project Grants was awarded.**

**Multi-Year Grants**

The Education Advisory Board awarded 3 Multi-Year Grants in the 2023 cycle.

**Multi-Year Grant #: 23-32(1) Thornton Jr. High School Energy and Sustainability Club, Thornton Jr. High School Energy and Sustainability Club Advisor-Stipend Funding, Fremont, West County, $3,200.00-** Funds from this grant will be used to fund a stipend for an Energy and Sustainability Club advisor for three years that will recruit students, conduct meetings and hold elections, advise students on projects, supervise fundraisers, purchase supplies as needed, organize green teams to recycle materials and separate green waste, host Earth Day events, and work with district administration to reach for climate literacy goals.

**Multi-Year Grant #: 23-33(1) Acta Non Verba: Youth Urban Farm Project (ANV), Resolute Café and Reusables Rollout, Oakland, West County, $7,875.00-** Funds from this grant will be used to improve Waste Reduction at Camp ANV and the After School Program; Provide Waste Reduction education to the public through Resolute Café practices and promotional/educational materials available via QR code; Provide entrepreneurial training centering on developing and growing a successful Zero Waste Mobile Coffee Stand to educate youth and the community.

**Multi-Year Grant #: 23-34(1) The Go Green Initiative, Institutionalizing AB 341, 1826 and SB 1383 in Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, Pleasanton, East County, $50,000.00-** Funds from this grant will be used to move LVJUSD towards Zero Waste and help reduce greenhouse gas emissions by: procuring infrastructure and equipment to separate recycling and organics waste on school campuses; implement all-hands training at all sites for administration, teachers, custodians, support staff, yard duty and students; measure success with Quarterly Progress Reports.

**The total 2023 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 $61,075.00 in Multi-Year Grants was awarded.**

**ALARM Mitigation Projects**

Pursuant to the terms of the settlement agreement, the 2023 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 2023 funding cycle. The Board will continue to communicate with ALARM regarding appropriate projects for funding.