



EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD

Altamont Landfill Settlement Agreement

2024 Annual Report

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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 \$0.47 and \$0.46 per ton surcharge amount to approximately \$600,000 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 disbursement to grant recipients.

2024 Activities

The 2024 Expenditure Plan was approved by each of the parties in the spring of 2024. The Expenditure Plan proposed the following allocations:

Board Communications, website	\$5,000
Mini-Grants	\$135,000
Project Grants	\$286,000
Board Initiated Project Grants	\$50,000
Multi-Year Grants	\$114,000
ALARM mitigation projects	\$0
Staff Support	\$30,000
Fund management & support	\$11,220
TOTAL	\$631,220

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

Mini-Grant #: 24-01 BUSD Farm and Garden Program at Sylvia Mendez, Composting and Climate Change, Berkeley, West County, \$2,444.46 - Funds will be used to help students understand why it is beneficial to compost food waste and divert it from the traditional waste stream by creating a pilot project, developed in conjunction with the elementary science teachers throughout Berkeley Unified’s farm and gardening program.

Mini-Grant #: 24-02 Castro Valley Sanitary District, Zero Waste Book & Movie Donation to Castro Valley Library-Part Two, Castro Valley, West County, \$2,418.00 - Funds will be used to purchase and donate zero waste and waste reduction-related books for the Castro Valley Library, thus providing a learning opportunity for the students and changing the culture and behavior of waste prevention and recycling in the community.

Mini-Grant #: 24-03 Community Action for a Sustainable Alameda., CASA Youth Social Media Internship, Alameda, West County, \$5,000.00 - Funds will be used to provide stipends for four teens over 7-12 months, while also supplementing Ms. Robinson’s time, to foster youth leadership and drive a sustainable change in the community regarding food waste diversion, home composting advocacy, recycling initiatives and public three-stream awareness campaigns.

Mini-Grant #: 24-04 Resilience Birthright Inc., Resilience Go-Green Alameda County, Alameda, West County, \$5,000.00 - Funds will be used to provide comprehensive environmental education resources to K-12 students through classroom visits, special K-2 programming and K-12 assemblies and presentations.

Mini-Grant #: 24-05 Forestr.org, Gleaning: Courses on Food Waste Prevention, Castro Valley, West County, \$5,000.00 - Funds will be used to increase public knowledge about the existence of excess, fresh local produce and the issue of food waste, while also broadening the practice of gleaning to prevent waste; develop and distribute educational resources, alongside practical training for gleaning leaders and their teams; enhance the scope of the complimentary gleaning services; offer part-time environmentally friendly job opportunities.

Mini-Grant #: 24-06 KIDS for the BAY, Blue Watershed Classrooms Program, Berkeley, West County, \$5,000.00 - Funds will be used to provide the Blue Watershed Classrooms Program to support teachers from under-resources elementary schools by focusing on changing the school culture and behaviors around waste prevention and will promote recycling and practicing the Five Rs in partner school communities.

Mini-Grant #: 24-07 Canyon Meadows Homeowners Association, Canyon Meadows Composting & Recycling Expansion, Pleasanton, East County, \$5,000.00 - Funds will be used to purchase 6 composting bins to service the entire condominium community as well as providing educational content to the adults and children in the community on proper usage at events such as Community Earth Day, neighborhood block parties and literature and signage.

Mini-Grant #: 24-08 Resilience Birthright Inc., The Story of CARP, Alameda, West County, \$5,000.00 - Funds will be used to produce a 3-minute short film aimed at simplifying and explaining the City of Alameda’s Climate Action and Resiliency Plan (CARP) for the general public.

Mini-Grant #: 24-09 Spokeland, Spokeland Program Expansion, Oakland, West County, \$5,000.00 - Funds will be used to supplement existing funding for four main programs: Mechanic Mentor, Do-It-Together, Self-Service and Bike Build programs. The 4 programs offer educational opportunities for the students and the community, promote waste prevention and recycling culture, and provide steppingstones for students who wish to pursue careers in waste prevention and recycling.

Mini-Grant #: 24-10 Cecelia Mosher-Clark, Sew what you using?, Oakland, West County, \$5,000.00 - Funds will be used to support weekly workshops that provides community access to sewing machines, recycled materials and instructional guidance in maintaining sewing machines and utilizing recycled materials in soft goods/textile design.

Mini-Grant #: 24-11 King Middle School, Zero Food Landfill at King Middle School by 2025/26, Berkeley, West County, \$5,000.00 - Funds will be used to develop a pilot program for multiple processes that can achieve virtually Zero Food Waste at King Middle School by 2025/26.

Mini-Grant #: 24-12 Fixit Clinic, Teen Repairing at Asian Branch Library, Berkeley, West County, \$5,000.00 - Funds will be used to hold teen-oriented repair programming at the Asian Branch Library of the Oakland Public Library.

Mini-Grant #: 24-13 Fixit Clinic, Hayward Library Fixit Clinics, Berkeley, West County, \$5,000.00 - Funds will be used to hold two Saturday “big production” Fixit Clinics at the Hayward Main Library as a mechanism for seeding an ethos of “Always There Repair” throughout Hayward, neighboring cities, and Alameda County county-wide.

Mini-Grant #: 24-14 Cecelia Mosher-Clark, SoftWEAR at Hardware/SoftWEAR Hack Night, Oakland, West County, \$5,000.00 - Funds will be used to host a weekly event at Sudo Room assisting participants with fixing sewing machines and repairing textiles and soft goods, every Tuesday.

2024 Funding Allocation

Total Allocations for 2024 were as follows:

Board Communications, website	\$5,000.00
Mini-Grants	\$127,417.46
Project Grants	\$293,526.00
Multi-Year Grants (Year 1)	\$50,000.00
Multi Year Grants (Year 2).	\$63,835.00
Multi Year Grants (Year 3).	\$50,000.00
Board Initiated Project Grants	\$0
ALARM mitigation projects	\$0
Staff Support	\$30,000.00
<u>Fund management & support</u>	<u>\$11,220.00</u>
Total 2024 Expenditures	\$639,998.46

Mini-Grant #: 24-15 Waterside Workshops, Street Level Cycles Internship, Berkeley, West County, \$5,000.00 - Funds will be used to benefit the bicycle education and reuse program, including a retail bicycle shop, bike repair service and community open shop.

Mini-Grant #: 24-16 Local Ecology and Agriculture Fremont (LEAF), Urban Garden Education Center: Building healthy soil and communities, Fremont, West County, \$5,000.00 - Funds will be used to focus on soil health and composting to produce a thriving garden that localizes the food supply chain, waste reduction efforts, and composting as well as setting the foundation for educational programs in soil science.

Mini-Grant #: 24-17 Alameda Point Collaborative, New Bins for Better Waste Prevention, Recycling and Composting Programs, Alameda, West County, \$5,000.00 - Funds will be used to roll-out an education program that includes newsletters, posters and signage that will help educate the community to help minimize the amount of waste ending up in a landfill as well as host weekly breakfast meetings and a monthly community meeting for residents.

Mini-Grant #: 24-18 Ecology Center, Reusable Foodware Educational Campaign, Berkeley, West County, \$5,000.00 - Funds will be used to educate East Bay community members on the negative impacts of single use disposable foodware use by using both digital and in-person outreach through social media, blogs and/or op-eds, table at local events and at least one event solely dedicated to the topic.

Mini-Grant #: 24-19 Collective Resilience, Zero Waste at Resilience Hubs and Spaces, Santa Rosa, West County, \$4,000.00 - Funds will be used to compile online resources focused on waste reduction, provide a waste audit and funding for new waste reduction infrastructure for at least two sites developing as resilience hubs and to share about waste reduction at resilience hubs with new audiences.

Mini-Grant #: 24-20 Lincoln Middle School, Green Leadership Club, Alameda, West County, \$5,000.00 - Funds will be used to fund teacher time for a new lunchtime schoolwide Green leadership Club as well as a stipend for staff time and a stipend for an assistant teacher to co-lead.

Mini-Grant #: 24-21 urban university, Single Moms Sewing Project, Oakland, West County, \$5,000.00 - Funds will be used to support a 12-week job training component that creates community awareness of the impact of fashion on the environment, mitigates the impact of landfill operations through the upcycling of clothing textiles into new consumer products, and offer the City of Oakland a community-based solution.

Mini-Grant #: 24-22 Community Action for a Sustainable Alameda, Alameda Reusables To Go Expansion #1, Alameda, West County, \$4,875.00 - Funds will be used to pilot to more cafes and Boba shops throughout Alameda to expand the project using the same technology to include reusable food ware and catering packs.

Mini-Grant #: 24-23 Community Action for a Sustainable Alameda, Alameda Reusables To Go Expansion #2, Alameda, West County, \$4,680.00 - Funds will be used to pilot to more cafes and Boba shops throughout Alameda and to expand the project using the same technology to include reusable food ware and reusable hot cups and cold cups.

Mini-Grant #: 24-24 Bay Area Redwood, Reclaimed Wood Compost Bins for Altamont Summer Concert Series, Hayward, West County, \$5,000.00 - Funds will be used to design, supply materials and fabricate 10 reclaimed wood bins to be used in the Vasco Row Commercial Zone in the City of Livermore.

Mini-Grant #: 24-25 Wee Poets, Wee Poets, Berkeley, West County, \$3,000.00 - Funds will be used to produce 2, 30-minute videotapes about recycling to spread the word about recycling to millions of children and adults.

Mini-Grant #: 24-26 Mission San Jose High School-Special Education Department, Composting in our Classrooms, Fremont, West County, \$5,000.00 - Funds will be used to develop a composting program to help reduce green waste in the school by composting kitchen and cooking scraps in the classroom.

Mini-Grant #: 24-27 St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Revitalization of the Big Heart Garden, Livermore, East County, \$3,000.00 - Funds will be used to fund stipends and provide education to the volunteers that provide food weekly to approximately 120 individuals.

Mini-Grant #: 24-28 Tri-Valley Haven, Support for Tri-Valley Haven's Food Pantry Grocery Rescue Program, Livermore, East County, \$3,000.00 - Funds will be used to pay for additional hours to a dedicated staff driver that assists with the grocery reuse program by picking up recovered food six days a week from at least nine grocery stores. The driver will be able to increase staff hours to 200 more hours a year, thus increases the food distributed to families in need.

The total 2024 Expenditure Plan budget of \$135,000 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 \$127,417.46 in Mini-Grants was approved.

Project Grants

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

Project Grant #: 24-29 Oakland Unified School District, Special Staffing Support: Compost & Food Systems for OUSD Schools, Oakland, West County, \$20,000.00- Funds from this grant will be used to cover part of the salary of the Garden & Compost Specialist at Oakland Unified School District. The new staff member that will be hired for this project will contribute to The Center's work on key issues related to composting & waste reduction, garden cultivation, and TK-12 youth education and career exposure on these subjects.

Project Grant #: 24-30 Rebuilding Together East Bay North (RTEBN), ECO (Estate Clean Out), Berkeley, West County, \$27,000.00- Funds from this grant will be used to address the critical challenges surrounding waste diversion of household goods for reuse and access to employment for marginalized individuals.

Project Grant #: 24-31 Fixit Clinic, County-wide Chromebook Rescue, Berkeley, West County, \$15,450.00- Funds from this grant will be used to assist Alameda County schools and school districts in keeping Chromebooks in service in the communities by teaching and empowering students to convert Chromebooks into general purpose computers.

Project Grant #: 24-32 Center for Environmental Health (CEH), The Road to Reusables, Oakland, West County, \$30,000.00- Funds from this grant will be used to target schools in Alameda County to provide education and implementation resources that promote reusables, prevent waste in both food and food ware, and ideally implement reusables that can be effectively recycled at the end of their life.

Project Grant #: 24-33 The East Bay Depot for Creative Reuse, Castoffs to Classrooms-Continued, Oakland, West County, \$27,000.00- Funds from this grant will be used to educate businesses and manufacturers on responsible disposal of discarded materials; to divert reusable materials from the landfill by collecting discarded items from businesses and manufacturers; to provide reusable materials to educators at low-or-no-cost; to teach educators the many ways reuse can be incorporated into their classrooms, and provide a physical space for reuse and repair workshops.

Project Grant #: 24-34 Berkeley Public Schools Fund, Waste Themed Climate Action Projects in BUSD Climate Literacy, Berkeley, West County, \$23,000.00- Funds from this grant will be used to support classroom projects that actively engage students in waste diversion and reduction in K-8 schools in BUSD; collaborate between the Sustainability Department (maintenance and facilities) and Climate Literacy (Education Services) can be a successful holistic approach to whole school sustainability.

Project Grant #: 24-35 The Go Green Initiative, Delivering in Hayward Unified School District (AB 341, 1826 and SB 1383), Pleasanton, East County, \$40,000.00- Funds from this grant will be used to continue its work with Hayward Unified School District and deliver on the progress that is underway to implement 3-bin systems, train students and staff to prevent and reduce waste, and institutionalize integrated waste management in the district.

Project Grant #: 24-36 Alameda Food Bank, Full Circle Green Waste Diversion, Alameda, West County, \$20,000.00- Funds from this grant will be used to increase the capacity to receive perishable food items and redistribute them for human consumption as quickly as possible.

Project Grant #: 24-37 Earth Team, Waste Action Project-WAP 2.0, Richmond, West County, \$28,000.00- Funds from this grant will be used to provide 56 paid student interns and four schools with the support and resources they need to assess their campus' waste and recycling behaviors accurately and to take action to change those behaviors and the overall school culture regarding consumption and waste while developing a new TRADE/OVTA trash assessment standard that could be replicated in other schools.

Project Grant #: 24-38 Empowerment Works c/o WasteWhat, Expanding Community Access to Refillable, Healthy, Zero-Waste Grocery by Adopting EBT, Oakland, West County, \$20,000.00- Funds from this grant will be used to increase accessibility to low-waste services for the greater community by qualifying for Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) in the state of California, ensuring that the waste-reduction grocery offerings are accessible to individuals from diverse economic backgrounds.

Project Grant #: 24-39 Robot Garden, Fixit Clinic Expansion & Student Internships, Livermore, East County, \$18,000.00- Funds from this grant will be used to expand the internship program for participating high school and Las Positas College students teach a new generation of techs and engineers about product design, repairability, sustainability and waste reduction.

Project Grant #: 24-40 Common Vision, Regeneration Nation, Berkeley, West County, \$25,076.00- Funds from this grant will be used to spark and grow a movement for Regeneration Nation; support the regeneration of health soil by teaching kids how to compost; teach recycling to elementary school children; support SB1383 by distributing recovered food at 4 garden and community sites; produce an already scripted and planned MamaWanda garden video on worm composting and food waste reduction in schools and an additional Regeneration Nation video.

The total 2024 Expenditure Plan budget of \$286,000 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 \$293,526.00 in Project Grants was awarded.

Multi-Year Grants

The Education Advisory Board awarded 2 Multi-Year Grants in the 2024 cycle.

Multi-Year Grant #: 24-41(1) Green Schools Challenge, Alameda County Green Schools Challenge, Alameda, East County, \$30,000.00- Funds from this grant will be used to direct technical assistance to district child nutrition directors, district facility managers, custodial staff and faculty; classroom instruction in waste reduction, recycling and composting provided by a credentials teacher with expertise in Zero Waste; student green team training; equipment, including classroom bins and stickers, food share carts, green team aprons and pickers.

Multi-Year Grant #: 24-42(1) Oakland Leaf Foundation, Oakland Leaf's Love Cultivating Schoolyards program (LCS), Oakland, West County, \$20,000.00- Funds from this grant will be used to improve the health and wellbeing of and promote environmental conservation to East Oakland youth and will support financial literacy programming and a higher paid stipend for the youth interns.

The total 2024 Expenditure Plan budget of \$114,000 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 \$50,000.00 in Multi-Year Grants was awarded.

ALARM Mitigation Projects

Pursuant to the terms of the settlement agreement, the 2024 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 2024 funding cycle. The Board will continue to communicate with ALARM regarding appropriate projects for funding.