

# RecycleCT Foundation, Inc.

## Annual Report 2015-2018



# FROM THE BOARD CHAIR



## Mission

*RecycleCT seeks to target and promote the coordination and support of research and education activities and public information programs aimed at increasing the rate of recycling and reuse in the state.*

The RecycleCT Foundation is helping us manage materials more sustainably in Connecticut.

The General Assembly passed Public Act 14-94 with the intent of moving us from managing waste to developing strategies to manage materials sustainably, and the formation of the RecycleCT Foundation, Inc. is part of that transformation.

This initiative is so timely. From the beginning we planned to develop a statewide campaign, to increase participation in household recycling. We recognized we needed a campaign that also helped our residents recycle better; placing the correct items in the recycling bins. Increasing the quality and not just the quantity was a main goal of the What's IN, What's OUT statewide recycling campaign.

And now with market disruptions overseas, the entire country is facing challenges of contaminated recyclables and stricter market forces. With support from the Connecticut Materials Recovery Facilities, we seek to reduce contamination and strengthen their ability to market our recyclables, to ensure they become new products.

The RecycleCT Foundation has been helping schools – who need help because often municipalities' tightening budgets do not support enough activities in the schools to both learn about and engage in the activity of sustainable materials management.

Another area we have provided assistance is through the Innovation Grant, which was designed to recognize new efforts and initiatives to help us divert 60% of our waste in Connecticut by 2024. Please read on to learn about all of these efforts. It has been my pleasure to lead the RecycleCT Foundation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Robert Klee".

Robert J. Klee, Board Chair

# PUBLIC ACT 14-94

RecycleCT Foundation is a Connecticut-based 501c3 nonprofit that was started as a result of legislation in 2014 through Public Act 14-94. RecycleCT was created to help bring Connecticut from an estimated 35% to a 60% diversion of solid waste from disposal by 2024, as described in the Connecticut Comprehensive Materials Management Strategy, adopted by CT DEEP in 2016.

In the spring of 2015, Governor Dannel P. Malloy welcomed a number of individuals in a letter and thanked them for sharing their time and expertise to help launch the RecycleCT Foundation to drive Connecticut's recycling rate up when they became RecycleCT Council members.

*"...RecycleCT can be a game changer. Statewide recycling outreach and education programming has been a missing link in Connecticut's strategy for many years. Through the creation of RecycleCT, we will build a sustainable source of funding and coordination to ensure that every resident understands why, what, and how to recycle."*

– Dannel P. Malloy, Governor



At its inception, RecycleCT's vision was to implement programs to increase participation in recycling programs, increase recovery rates for reuse and recycling, increase the quality of materials entering and exiting CT's materials recovery facilities and other processing facilities and streamline messaging for consumers about what is and what is not okay to put in the mixed recycling bin.

Founding members of the RecycleCT Council include Frank M. Antonacci, Murphy Road Recycling; Thomas DeVivo, Willimantic Waste; Robert Klee, CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection; Ron Santos, CT Department of Economic and Community Development; Brian Paganini, Quantum BioPower; and Ron Goldstein, Esq. Together they took on the challenge of interpreting Public Act 14-94, develop by-laws for this new organization, file for non-profit status with the I.R.S., develop, and implement programs and determine how to distribute funds to energize to invigorate efforts to reduce, reuse, recycle, and compost more materials found in Connecticut's waste stream!

## **Sec. 22a-228a. Recycle CT Foundation, Inc. and Recycle CT Foundation Council.**

(1) Target and promote the coordination and support of research and education activities and public information programs aimed at increasing the rate of recycling and reuse in the state... and (2) receive, disburse and administer gifts, grants, endowments or other funds from any source that supports research and education activities consistent with the purposes of this chapter.

# PROGRAMS



Board Member Kim O'Rourke and Sherill Baldwin, CT DEEP

RecycleCT administers programs in partnership with CT DEEP. Programs include grantmaking, offered to enhance the programs of others through synergistic partnerships. We aspire to kick start a movement of environmental awareness and responsibility in regards to the resources often referred to as waste.

With minimal funds and no staff, the RecycleCT Council focused on helping schools integrate the actions of reuse, recycle and compost with education. Initially, funds were also provided to develop a program to provide non-traditional environmental educators with a foundation of understanding of sustainable materials management specific to Connecticut. The Facilitating Excellence in Environmental Education (FE3) network was established so educators who provide programs to the public and also professional development for teachers can continue to learn about refresher courses and updates on CT recycling initiatives.

The RecycleCT Council also seeks to develop and support innovation in the sustainable materials management space. An Innovation Grant program was developed to support innovation in the non-profit sector – which could include research, outreach, program development, pilots and demonstrations, etc.

A main program of RecycleCT is the creation and maintenance of its statewide promotion campaign. The campaign was designed to spread awareness and knowledge to municipalities, residents, schools, and businesses on the right way to recycle at mixed recyclables at the curb or transfer station. The campaign slogan “What’s IN? What’s OUT?” uses CT DEEP’s newly created universal of acceptable mixed recyclables, focuses on media outreach and provides tools and resources for municipalities, facility operators, haulers and recycling activists.

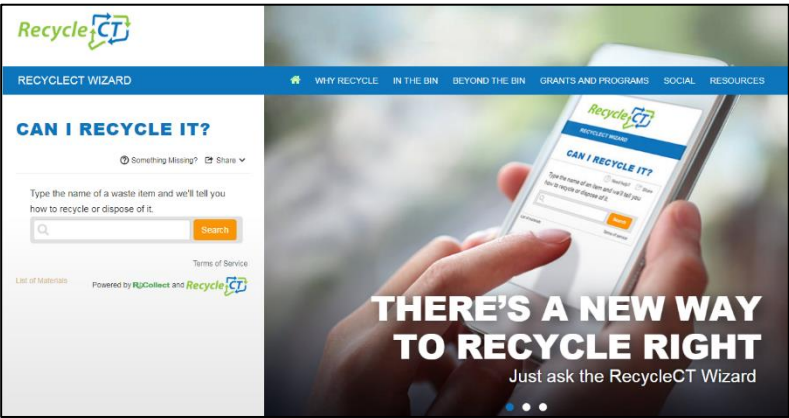
Grant Programs:	Innovation Grant School Grant
Statewide Campaign:	What’s IN? What’s OUT?

# Statewide Promotion Campaign

In June of 2016, RecycleCT and CT DEEP distributed an Invitation to Bid seeking a marketing firm to develop its statewide recycling promotional campaign.

The RecycleCT campaign sought to increase effective citizen participation in recycling programs, including fostering greater awareness of what can and cannot be collected in mixed recyclables (aka single stream recycling). There was and continues to be a need for a clear statewide message on how to recycle common items. Using Vision, Qualifications, Creative Concepts & Creative Design, and Value as criteria, RecycleCT Council members and CT DEEP Recycling staff chose Decker Creative-Makiaris Media to develop the campaign titled, What’s IN, What’s OUT.

The What’s IN, What’s OUT campaign includes the creation of a website that serves as the primary statewide destination for residents seeking more information on how to recycle common items in their community, 2) use of social media such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and 3) the development of printed materials that can be used by state and local governments, MRF operators, collectors and haulers and supportive organizations. Phase One of the campaign provided



\$213,147.00 and was completed in March of 2018. In April 2018 Phase Two of the campaign, to maintain the media campaign and create additional resources for the tool box providing \$183,067.11 from RecycleCT.

The RecycleCT.com website includes a searchable widget, the RecycleCT Wizard, powered by ReCollect. The RecycleCT Wizard answers detailed questions on what is “in” or “out”, other disposal options if it out. In addition, RecycleCT’s license allows CT municipalities, MRFs, haulers and supportive organizations to put the widget on their websites too – expanding the reach for information.

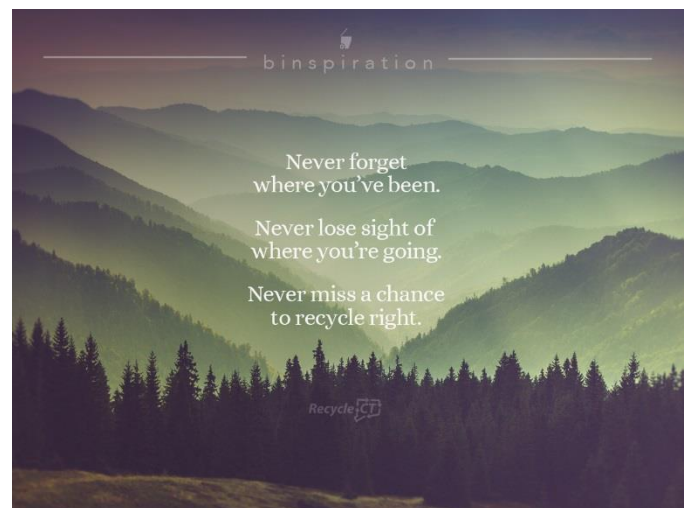
The website also provides resources for municipalities, haulers and MRF operators – that can also be used by residents, including brochure, flyers, magnets and other printable templates, and fun and informative videos and social media images.

Top 10 Materials Searched	
Styrofoam	1,510
Plastic bag	1,407
Shredded paper	1,368
Pizza box	1,232
Battery (non-rechargeable)	1,061
Aluminum foil	984
Plastic take-out container	937
Plastic "clam shell" container	891
Milk, juice carton	851
Egg carton (styrofoam)	786



Since its launch in November 2017, the What's IN, What's OUT campaign has generated more than:

- 7.4 million impressions
- 70,000 web site visits
- 104,000 RecycleCT Wizard searches
- 1.9 Million video views



## RECYCLE. REBLOG. REPEAT.

You can help RecycleCT spread the good word by sharing our posts on your favorite social media. Thanks for helping. You're a "binspiration" to us all.

Our "Recycling Opera" video received an Ad Club CT Gold Award and the RecycleCT Website received Silver Award from the Ad Club CT.

### VIDEOS



# INNOVATION GRANT

Funds innovative projects or programs that target **sustainable materials management** initiatives that **advance local, regional or statewide knowledge and participation** in building sustainable alternatives otherwise destined for disposal.

Amount funded ranges from \$2,500-10,000. Applicants must hold 501(c)(3) or other tax-exempt status, or work with a fiscal sponsor.

Since 2016, RecycleCT received a total of **44** Innovation Grant proposals and **approved 24** representing a variety of organizations including land trusts, museums, council of churches, and community groups in addition to municipalities. Funds were awarded to projects focused on topics like integrating education with a composting initiative, educational videos on recycling, creating waste bin signage, food waste reduction and redistribution to people in need, and more.

For the 2017 grant cycle, RecycleCT **granted \$70,645 to 11 organizations**; 2018 grant cycle RecycleCT **granted \$99,990 to 13 organizations**.

Total of **\$170,545 awarded to 24 grantees in Connecticut**.



*Volunteers at EcoWorks reorganize fabric scraps for creative reuse*

# SCHOOL GRANT

Funds efforts in Connecticut K-12 schools that foster greater understanding of and promote action and engagement in sustainable materials management.

Amount funded ranges from \$500-1,500. Applicants must be CT-based K-12 schools, including public, charter and magnet schools that are exempt from federal taxation under the Internal Revenue Code Section 501.

Since 2015, we've received a total of **53 proposals** from schools and have approved of **34**. The 2016 grant cycle **granted \$16,388**; 2017 **granted \$10,045**; 2018 **granted \$15,210**.

*Sustainable materials management means using less, using materials in the most productive way, and reducing environmental impact throughout the lifecycle of the material.*

**Twenty-five** of the schools awarded are part of the state's GreenLEAF program.

Total of **\$41,643 awarded to 34 schools** in CT. RecycleCT has given funds to projects to implement food waste collection and composting, field trips to recycling centers, reusable utensils in the school, refillable water bottles and water fountains, educational workshops, and more.

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*Gaffney Elementary School Greenhouse, Gardens, and Compost Tumbler*



## Grantee Highlight: Innovation Grant

### *Kids Can Compost!*

**The Children's Museum  
West Hartford, CT**

#### Organization Overview

As one of the largest sources of third-party education, The Children's Museum is constantly looking to extend their educational reach. RecycleCT Innovation Grant funding in 2017 has helped the Children's Museum implement *Kids Can Compost!*, designed to engage children and families in composting activities.

Since 1927, The Children's Museum has engaged children, families, and schools with fun, hands-on teaching to increase their understanding about science and nature. Their educational programs include hands-on exhibits, topic-specific classes, a preschool, field trips, outreach programs, planetarium shows, wildlife demonstrations, a nature center, camps, public programs and more.



#### How has RecycleCT helped?

With RecycleCT's funding in 2017, the Museum created an outdoor aerobic composting station, consisting of a three bin system including one plexi-glass wall and educational signage. The Museum's wildlife sanctuary area, butterfly house, and gardens generate leaf and yard debris and, with the generation of food scraps from the museum's visitors and preschool, make up the recipe for the Museum's compost. This outdoor composting display is an important teaching component with weekly programs lead by an environmental educator. Children and their adults can visit throughout the different seasons of the school year and see the various stages of decomposition. Beth Weller, the Director of Operations at the Museum, discusses the public's feedback on this new composting program, "It's a topic a lot of people appreciate. It's certainly something that people are realizing that the more we can do to reduce the impact on the environment, it's very important."

RecycleCT funding has also helped the Children's Museum create and implement an indoor vermicomposting station, which relies on 'red wiggler' worms to break down organic matter, including food scraps from the Museum staff, visitors, and preschool. The worm bins showcase a different type of composting and provide in-depth learning about worms and worm biology with live worms and a larger dissected worm model. The vermicomposting station is a year-round teaching tool with a four-layer bin in addition to a smaller display with a look into a worm burrow.





In addition to the outdoor three-bin system and indoor worm composting bins, the Museum has developed a new composting program that was tested in elementary schools. These new composting and worm composting classroom programs expand upon the lessons about decomposition that students learn at the Museum. Students develop their own composting bins and learn about the scientific concepts behind decomposition and the importance of composting. Due to the success of these pilots, the Museum will add composting and worm composting program offerings to their “Book On Education Program”, which are provided to schools throughout Connecticut.

Beth Weller describes the Museum’s approach to their *Kids Can Compost!* project, “It really needs to be hands on working with young children and we feel that it’s important to get them interested in these topics and encourage them to investigate them while they’re young. It sets their mindset for when they become contributing citizens within our communities and workforce.”

#### Future Plans

The Children’s Museum will continue their composting project in the future. RecycleCT has provided a platform for them to expand their project, “What we found from this first year of funding is that this topic has legs to go further and that we can investigate what are those next steps. How can we improve upon our reach?” says Beth Weller. The Children’s Museum has been awarded another Innovation Grant from 2018 grant cycle and they plan on creating a workshop for families to bring composting into their homes.

## Grantee Highlight: Innovation Grant

### *Kitchen to Pantry*

#### **Hands on Hartford – Hartford, CT**

##### Organization Overview

There is a lot of edible, unused food in grocery stores and farms that is discarded, adding to the excessive amounts of trash going to Connecticut's waste-to-energy plants. And at the same time, one-third of the residents in Hartford live under the federal poverty line and is the most food insecure community in Connecticut. Hartford is considered a "food desert" with residents facing a scarcity of available, fresh foods due to a lack of affordable, accessible grocery stores, farmers markets, and other healthy food providers.



Hands on Hartford (HOH), founded in 1969, is a social service nonprofit dedicated to strengthen community in Hartford by helping low-income residents in the areas of food, housing, and health. Hands on Hartford reaches about 8,500 people each year, through MANNA Food and Neighborhood Services (e.g. Community Meals, Community Pantry, the Backpack Nutrition Program for children), HOH Housing, and the Faces of Homelessness Speakers' Bureau.

##### How has RecycleCT helped?

With RecycleCT's funding in 2017, Hands on Hartford's *Kitchen to Pantry* project provides families and individual access to healthy, easy to use produce, by adding value to hundreds of pounds of produce they receive from grocery stores, farms, special events, and more. HOH now receives rescued food and is able to sort out inedible food,

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– Kate Shafer



wash and trim unusable parts, chop, and repackage good food for distribution at Hands on Hartford's Community Pantry. For example, large bags of limes are offered individually and watermelon and oversized squash are cut into smaller portions.

Food scraps generated from processing and repackaging, in addition to expired canned goods from food drives, or other foods with no reuse or edible value are collected and transported by Blue Earth Compost to Quantum Biopower, an anaerobic-digester plant that turns food scraps into electricity and digestate. As a result of RecycleCT's grant, Hands on Hartford has recycled 18,000 pounds of food scraps.

The ripple effect of this *Kitchen to Pantry* food rescue and composting project is immense, Janet Bermudez the Program Manager at MANNA says, "We have gotten our volunteers and our staff to really understand the importance of reducing



*Kate Shafer, HOH Communications Manager*

food waste and to really embrace this ole idea of picking up this produce – some of it great, some of it isn't – we don't have to chuck it in the garbage, we can chuck it in the compost bins."

Additionally, the layout of their Pantry and the repackaging and rescue of the food gives their residents more choices. Kate Shafer the Communications Manager at HOH says, "It reduces food waste because the folks who are coming to the pantry are choosing what they are actually going to use instead of what they have to take, a preset package of food."

#### Future Plans

Hands on Hartford has been able to expand their outreach through this RecycleCT-funded project, Kate Shafer explains, "When we're talking to other folks and other funders and individual donors, and we talk about the composting, the reduction in food waste, and the increase in choice. It also inspires greater [financial] support from them. It's like a bragging point for us." The *Kitchen to Pantry* project will continue rescuing, sorting, repackaging, composting, and distributing food as they provide support to Hartford residents.



## Grantee Highlight: School

### Gaffney Elementary Composting

#### Gaffney Elementary School/New Britain ROOTS – New Britain, CT

##### Organization Overview

Gaffney Elementary School, a school of 578 preK-5<sup>th</sup> grade students, has partnered with New Britain ROOTS to establish a composting program. The nonprofit New Britain ROOTS supports the diversity, empowerment, and education of the people who produce, farm, or eat food in its community of New Britain to promote food security. It provides educational programs in New Britain's school district and ROOTS has helped institute a garden club for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students at Gaffney Elementary, which was established with a new greenhouse and outdoor garden. This Garden Club provides hands-on education in gardening, nutrition, and sustainability and Gaffney Elementary and NB ROOTS expanded this to include a composting program with funds from RecycleCT.



##### How has RecycleCT helped?

With RecycleCT funding in 2017, Gaffney and New Britain ROOTS provided a base on which to build their composting initiative. This first section of the program included the purchasing of tools to educate students on composting and materials for composting the food scraps.



Educational tools included 50 copies of *Compost Stew* and *The Children's Garden* which were used for the implementation of the program and now reside in the schools media center for use by any student or teacher in the future. In addition, they purchased 10 small food scrap containers, which teachers could sign out to put in their classrooms. A 125 gallon compost tumbler was also purchased to compost the food scraps from the participating classrooms. Five teachers volunteered to participate in the first year; participating teachers were provided with compost training, which included information on acceptable food scraps to collect in their classrooms, how to add food scraps into the tumbler, and composting activities for their students.

Gaffney Elementary also bought red wiggler worms and containers to develop small vermicomposting bins. These worms were a huge hit with the children at Gaffney, according to Joey Listro the executive director of NB ROOTS, the worms are "their favorite part of composting... [the worm bin] is the most impressive thing they've seen in a long time".

These worms helped with New Britain ROOTS' goal of increasing awareness of food waste and composting around the school. Teachers use the worms in interactive lessons to teach about decomposition, soil composition, and more.

Joey Listro says, "There's a lot to do with composting and it's interactive because the kids like worms. The food scrap containers placed in the classrooms provide the teachers with a fun, additional activity -- for example students get math practice when they weigh their food scraps and chart it on the board, and the students are held responsible for dumping the food scraps into the compost tumbler.

The Garden Club, which undertook all the composting efforts, is primarily 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. Gaffney also has a Recycling Club of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. This project helped provide an in-depth training to both clubs from Gaffney's FoodCorps team in food waste and composting and it was these students who helped promote a school-wide campaign to educate the school community on food waste. This campaign consisted of a tutorial video of Garden Club members who did a walk-through of the garden and how to create compost. Each teacher who signed up for a food waste bin and each 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Gaffney received the composting curriculum, which is also uploaded in the New Britain School District's curriculum database for all New Britain teachers to access and use. Gaffney also hosts a summer school program that has taught an additional 40 first and second graders how to reduce food waste and make compost.



*Joey Listro, Executive Director of New Britain ROOTS*

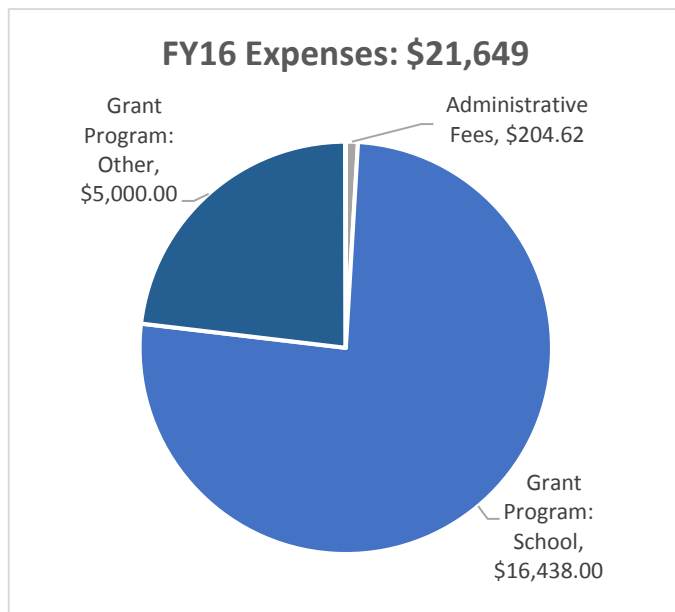
#### Future Plans

The composting program at Gaffney Elementary achieved great traction as the school years have passed, according to Joey Listro, "The biggest accomplishment is the sustainability of [the program]. Last year it did better than the first year, more teachers were interested... With every year we've built a little more foundation, so I think it has some staying power with the school." There are plans to replicate this program at other schools. Joey Listro continued, "There are 14 schools in New Britain and so if we can figure out how to get something to stick, like at this school, maybe it will also work at other schools." Gaffney Elementary School is continuing with its composting program during the school years and throughout the summers, giving each student and teacher an opportunity to have a hands-on experience in composting and be an active participant in food waste reduction.

# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

CT DEEP Commissioner Klee provided an initial \$800,000 for the RecycleCT Foundation, Inc. through general Supplemental Environmental Penalty (SEP) funds. The RecycleCT Council developed a three-year budget utilizing those funds that would focus on website development, media buys, a statewide campaign and grant programs. Initially the Council discussed hiring an executive director as well as using funds for market development, but determined funds were better used for marketing and grantmaking.

While no additional grants or funds were donated to the RecycleCT Foundation in the fiscal years 2014-2018, a small amount of interest was earned in the donor advised fund. In FY16, interest earned was \$2.82; FY17, interest earned was \$430.09; FY18 interest earned was \$1143.26.



In FY16 (7/1/2015-6/30/2016) RecycleCT developed and implemented the School Grant Program and distributed \$16,438 in grants. Funds were distributed through a donor advised fund managed by the Bank of America.

Additional grant funds were given to the CT Forest and Park Association to create a program that would support teacher and non-traditional educators in learning more about sustainable materials management in Connecticut.

Administrative fees include office supplies for Board/Council binders and \$6.06 fees from the Bank of America donor advised fund.

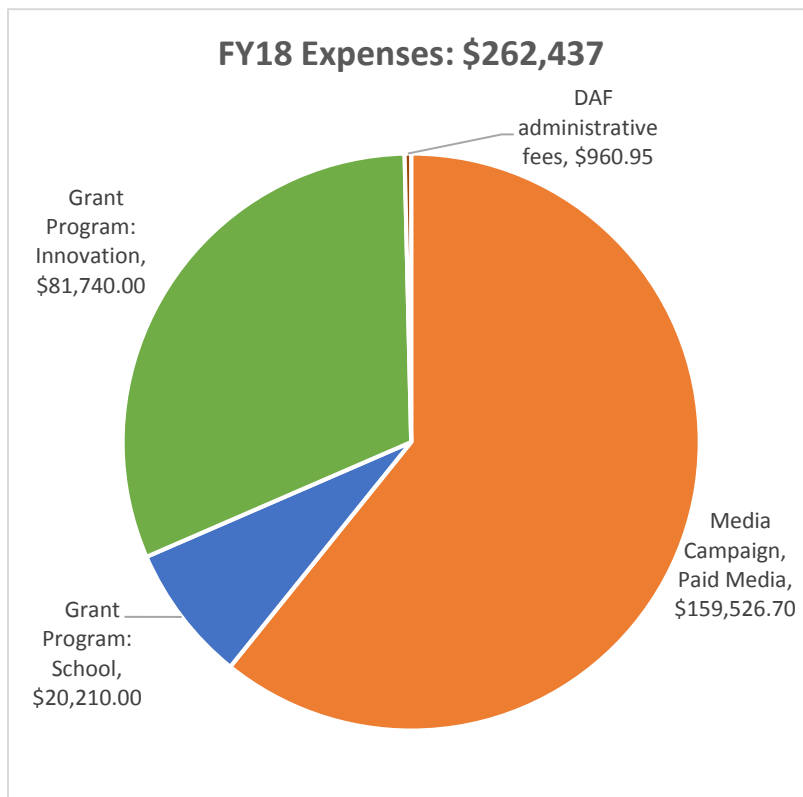
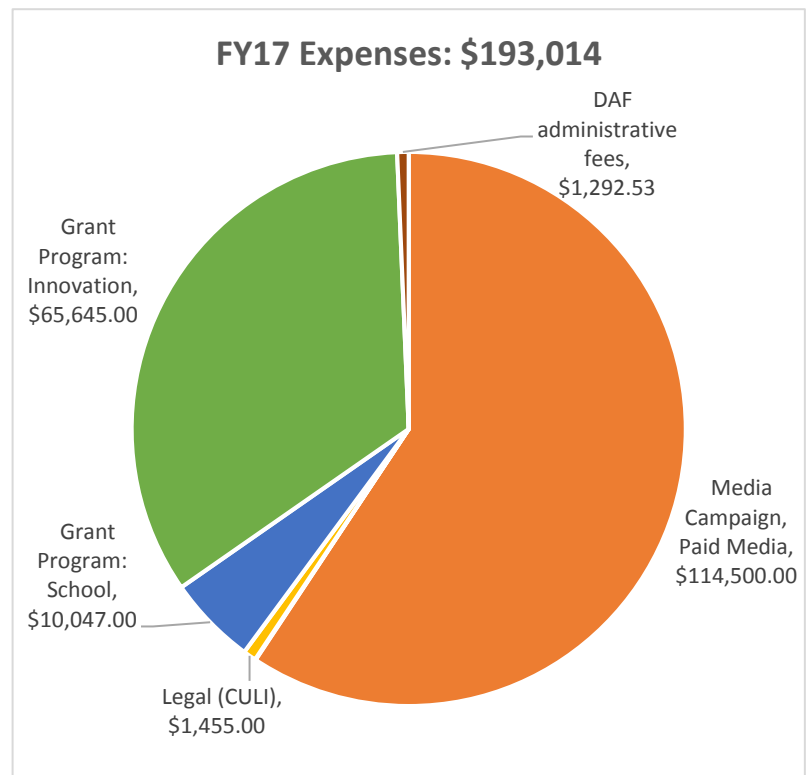
Note: In FY 15 (7/1/2014-6/30/2015) In preparation for the Council and the organization, CT DEEP spent \$58,557 to develop a webpage, purchased advertising artwork from Keep America Beautiful's *I Want To Be Recycled* campaign and purchased media to promote it.

In FY17 (7/1/2016-6/30/2017) RecycleCT developed the Innovation Grant program distributing \$65,645 to non-profit organizations and municipalities; and had a second cycle of the School Grant program distributed \$10,047.

In FY 2017 Phase One of the media campaign was launched with \$213,147; \$114,500 spent in FY17.

This year the Foundation also completed its work with the Connecticut Urban League Initiative (CULI), which assisted in successfully filing for 501(c)3 determination with the I.R.S.

Administrative fees from the donor advised fund run by Bank of America were \$1292.53 for the year.



In FY18 (7/1/2017-6/30/2018) RecycleCT continued both the Innovation and School Grant programs, distributing \$81,740 and \$20,210.

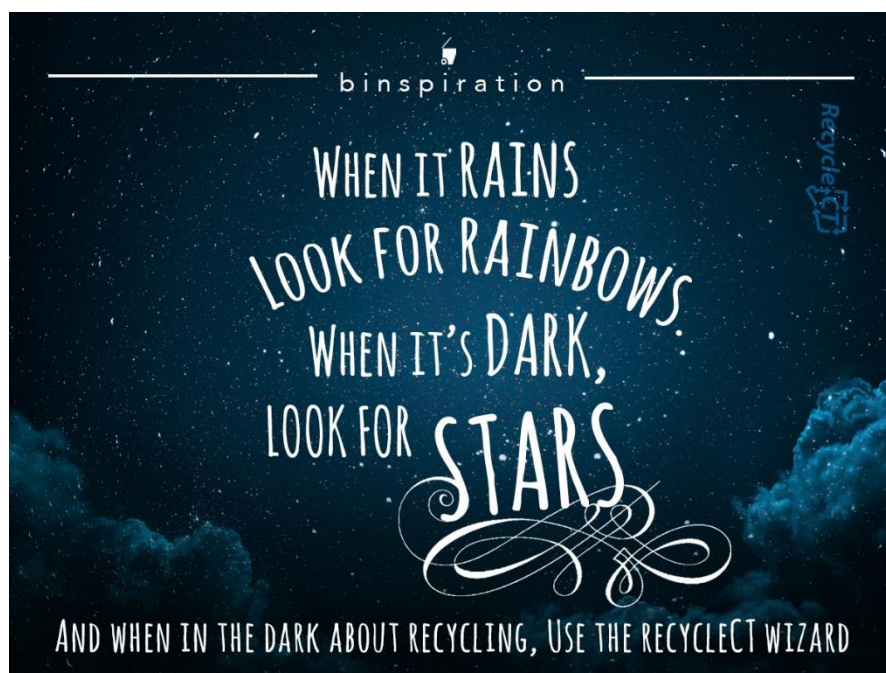
Phase One of the media campaign was completed, spending \$98,647. Phase Two began with an additional \$183,621 for Decker-Makiaris to continue the campaign and expand the tool box.

Administrative fees from the donor advised fund run by Bank of America were \$960.95.

# WHAT LIES AHEAD?

The RecycleCT Foundation is an unusual organization, created through legislation, overseen by a Council and a Board of Directors and supported by CT DEEP staff for administrative oversight. In Fiscal Year 2019, the RecycleCT Board looks forward to a bit more independence. Currently reviewing responses to an RFQ, the Board is seeking a consultant to provide financial administrative support. In addition, the Board looks forward to further developing as an organization with additional Board members. New Council members appointed by the Governor and the legislature will be welcomed to provide an advisory role.

The work of the RecycleCT Foundation will continue to distribute grant funds, as finances allow, and maintain and expand statewide promotion of recycling, waste reduction, reuse, and composting. Hopes for new partnerships to raise funds, conduct research and promote recycling will be sought in addition to other opportunities to become more self-sustaining.



## RecycleCT 2016-2018 Grantees

### **2016 School Grants**

#### **Commodore Macdonough Elementary School**

Middletown, CT

*Grant Amount: \$600*

**Waste reduction; reuse**

#### **Academy of Engineering & Green Technology**

Hartford, CT

*Grant Amount: \$1,500*

**Recycling outreach**

#### **Brien McMahon High School**

Norwalk, CT

*Grant Amount: \$1,500*

**Recycling**

#### **Greenwich Academy**

Greenwich, CT

*Grant Amount: \$1,000*

**Composting**

#### **Common Ground High School**

New Haven, CT

*Grant Amount: \$1,500*

**Composting**

#### **Elm City Montessori School**

New Haven, CT

*Grant Amount: \$1,500*

**Recycling; composting**

#### **Manchester Public Schools**

Manchester, CT

*Grant Amount: \$1,500*

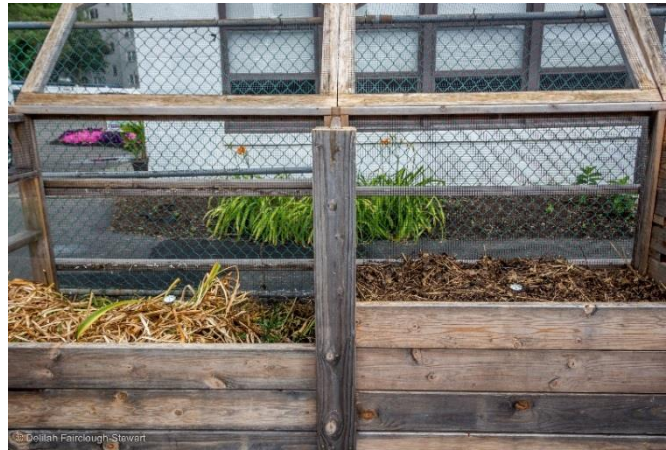
**Composting; field trips**

#### **Hamden High School**

Hamden, CT

*Grant Amount: \$1,480*

**Composting**



#### **Parkway Elementary School**

Greenwich, CT

*Grant Amount: \$1,408*

**Composting**

#### **St. Gabriel School**

Windsor, CT

*Grant Amount: \$1,450*

**Recycling**

#### **CT River Academy**

East Hartford, CT

*Grant Amount: \$1,450*

**Recycling**

#### **Trailblazers Academy/Domus**

Stamford, CT

*Grant Amount: \$1,500*

**Recycling**

#### **Connecticut Forest and Park Association (CFPA)**

Discretionary Funds

*Grant Amount: \$5,000*

**Sustainable materials management; educator education**

## **2017 School Grants**

### **Squadron Line Elementary**

Simsbury, CT

*Grant Amount: \$1,165*

**Reuse; waste reduction**

### **Thalberg Elementary School**

Southington, CT

*Grant Amount: \$240*

**Composting**

### **Aces Mill Road School**

North Haven, CT

*Grant Amount: \$1,500*

**Composting; education**

### **Indian Mountain School**

Lakeville, CT

*Grant Amount: \$750*

**Reuse; recycling**

### **Charter Oak International Academy**

West Hartford, CT

*Grant Amount: \$1,136*

**Waste reduction; reuse**

### **Bennie Dover Jackson Middle School**

New London, CT

*Grant Amount: \$1,250*

**Composting; education**

### **Academy of Our Lady of Mercy, Lauralton Hall**

Milford, CT

*Grant Amount: \$500*

**Composting; education**

### **Alcott Elementary School**

Wolcott, CT

*Grant Amount: \$500*

**Recycling; donation; reuse**

### **Parish Hill Middle/High School**

Chaplin, CT

*Grant Amount: \$1,500*

**Recycling; reuse**

### **Gaffney Elementary School**

New Britain, CT

*Grant Amount: \$1,500*

**Composting; education**



## **2018 School Grants**

### **Wakelee Elementary School**

Wolcott, CT

*Grant Amount: \$1,500*

**Waste reduction; reuse**

### **Thalberg Elementary School**

Southington, CT

*Grant Amount: \$1,500*

**Recycling; composting**

### **Cheshire Academy**

Cheshire, CT

*Grant Amount: \$1,500*

**Food waste reduction**

**Regan Elementary School**

Waterbury, CT

*Grant Amount: \$740*

**Composting**

**Waterbury Career Academy High School**

Waterbury, CT

*Grant Amount: \$1,390*

**Recycling**

**Middlebrook School**

Wilton, CT

*Grant Amount: \$1,500*

**Food waste reduction**

**East Granby Middle and High School**

East Granby, CT

*Grant Amount: \$850*

**Recycling**

**MacDonough Elementary School**

Middletown, CT

*Grant Amount: \$1,500*

**Composting; education**

**Joel Barlow High School**

Redding, CT

*Grant Amount: \$500*

**Composting; education**

**Rowayton Elementary School**

Norwalk, CT

*Grant Amount: \$1,500*

**Recycling**

**Greenwich High School**

Greenwich, CT

*Grant Amount: \$1,500*

**Food waste reduction**

**Morely Elementary School**

West Hartford, CT

*Grant Amount: \$1,500*

**Recycling**



**2017 Innovation Grants**

**Preservation of Affordable Housing/Billings Force**

Hartford, CT

*Grant Amount: \$10,000*

**Composting; food waste reduction**

**Wesleyan University**

Middletown, CT

*Grant Amount: \$10,000*

**Bin signage**

**City of Waterbury**

Waterbury, CT

*Grant Amount: \$5,000*

**Recycling videos; education**

**Stamford Museum & Nature Center**

Stamford, CT

*Grant Amount: \$2,525*

**Recycling**

**Family Day Foundation Inc D/B/A Keney  
Park Sustainability Project**  
Windsor, CT  
*Grant Amount: \$5,000*  
**Reuse; recycling**

**Park City Green**  
Bridgeport, CT  
*Grant Amount: \$5,000*  
**Recycling**

**Hands on Hartford**  
Hartford, CT  
*Grant Amount: \$3,120*  
**Composting; food waste reduction/recovery**

**Institute of Sustainable Energy at Eastern  
CT State University for Green LEAF Schools**  
Statewide  
*Grant Amount: \$10,000*  
**Waste education**

**The Children's Museum**  
*Grant Amount: \$10,000*  
**Composting; education**

**Center for Eco Technology**  
Statewide  
*Grant Amount: \$5,000*  
**Waste diversion; reduction**



**Ecoworks – Creative Reuse**  
New Haven region  
*Grant Amount: \$5,000*  
**Reuse**



## **2018 Innovation Grants**

**New Britain ROOTS**  
New Britain, CT  
*Grant Amount: \$10,000*  
**Food waste reduction**

**New Haven Land Trust**  
New Haven, CT  
*Grant Amount: \$10,000*  
**Composting**

**Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport  
– Center for Food Equity & Economic  
Development**  
Bridgeport, CT  
*Grant Amount: \$10,000*  
**Food waste reduction; education/training**

**All Our Kin**  
New Haven, Bridgeport, Stamford, CT  
*Grant Amount: \$10,000*  
**Waste reduction; reuse; composting/food  
waste reduction**

### Product Stewardship Institute

Fairfield County

Grant Amount: \$10,000

Plastic film/plastic bag diversion;  
contamination reduction

### Town of Darien

Darien, CT

Grant Amount: \$8,460

Food waste collection/composting

### Center for Latino Progress/Blue Earth Compost

Hartford, CT

Grant Amount: \$8,250

Food waste collection/composting

### City of New Haven

New Haven, CT

Grant Amount: \$7,000

Sustainable materials management  
training/education

### The Children's Museum

Hartford region

Grant Amount: \$5,000

Composting education

### Center for EcoTechnology

Statewide

Grant Amount: \$5,000

Food waste reduction; education/training



### iQuilt Partnership

Hartford, CT

Grant Amount: \$4,000

Waste reduction; reuse

### HomeHaven

New Haven County

Grant Amount: \$2,750

Donation/reuse; education

Public

Residential

Cafeteria

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