



Focus on **Public Education for Organic Waste to Resources**

from Ecology's Solid Waste & Financial Assistance Program

Pilot, Demonstration and Outreach Project Funding

The Department of Ecology, Solid Waste and Financial Assistance Program (SWFAP) supports efforts to build an organic-waste-to-resource bioeconomy in Washington State. To encourage closed-loop, sustainable organic management, SWFAP will provide organic-waste-to-resources funds for pilot, demonstration and outreach projects. SWFAP will competitively award \$140,000* in amounts up to \$50,000 to fund projects to:

- Support Beyond Waste Goals**
- Remove organics from the waste stream
- Use reclaimed organics for sustainable energy, fuels and bioproducts
- Provide training and education on best use of reclaimed organics

Groups eligible for funds may include municipalities, public development associations, non-profit corporations / public interest groups, and college and university extension and outreach programs.

The following examples of demonstration and outreach projects include but are not limited to:

- Equipment for training and education
- Pilot and demonstration projects and equipment
- Public and professional meetings or conferences
- Training and outreach programs that support best organic materials uses

Note: This list is intended to provide helpful examples only. They do not indicate preferences or priorities.

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** <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/beyondwaste/increaseOrganics.html>

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Request for Proposals to be open soon:

SWFAP will be providing public universities and colleges and non-profit groups the opportunity to submit proposals beginning in August, 2007 for projects in 2007-2009 biennium.

* The SWFAP will also competitively award up to \$600,000 for research projects with a similar objective.