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Dear Municipal Official:

On behalf of the Baker-Polito Administration, it is my pleasure to announce the launch of the annual Sustainable Materials Recovery Program Municipal Grant Application. The Sustainable Materials Recovery Program (SMRP) was authorized under the Green Communities Act and MassDEP regulations (310 CMR 19.300) to provide grants to Massachusetts municipalities and regional government entities for recycling, composting, reuse and waste reduction activities in support of the State's Solid Waste Master Plan goals. SMRP is funded by the Waste Energy Credits Expendable Trust, created under the Green Communities Act.

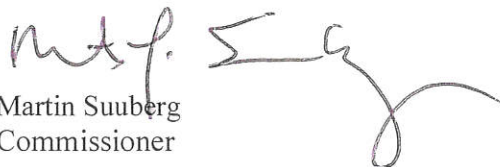
The SMRP grant application provides funding in nine categories: mattress recycling incentive program, Pay-As-You-Throw assistance, education and enforcement coordinator, recycling and food waste collection carts, recycling drop-off containers, school recycling assistance, small-scale initiatives, organics capacity/waste reduction projects and the Recycling Dividends Program. Last year, MassDEP awarded over \$5.2 million to 247 communities and regional entities through SMRP.

To assist your community in applying for a SMRP grant, MassDEP is holding two grant information workshops on April 16, 2019 and the other on May 2, 2019, as well as a webinar on April 9, 2019. Detailed information on the application process, eligibility criteria, and funding categories, may be found at: <https://.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-a-sustainable-materials-recovery-program-smrp-municipal-grant>.

The deadline for submitting the SMRP Municipal Grant Application is **June 12, 2019**. Applications must be submitted online, via ReTRAC Connect, a web-based reporting system. You may access this reporting system via the website above.

Thank you for your commitment to building effective and sustainable waste reduction and recycling programs. Should you have questions about SMRP, please call Janine Bishop at 617-348-4004.

Sincerely,


Martin Suuberg
Commissioner