STATE OF MAINE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP SUBMITTED QUESTIONS & ANSWERS SUMMARY

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| **RFP NUMBER AND TITLE:** | RFP 202412217, 2024-25 Waste Diversion Grant Program, Special Round-Organics Management Activities |
| **RFP ISSUED BY:** | Maine Department of Environmental Protection |
| **SUBMITTED QUESTIONS DUE DATE:** | January 11, 2025 |
| **QUESTION & ANSWER SUMMARY ISSUED:** | January 13, 2025 |
| **PROPOSAL DUE DATE:** | January 31, 2025, no later than 11:59 pm local time |
| **PROPOSALS DUE TO:** | Proposals@maine.gov |

Provided below are submitted written questions received and the Department’s answer.

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| **1** | **RFP Section & Page Number** | **Question** |
| Section IV, Page 14 | In reference to General Instructions: d.vi. “Waste Diversion funds may not be used to pay for any subscription service fees for food scrap or recyclables collection.” Would contracted services with a community composting company on a per-ton (up to a cap) basis be considered a subscription service? |
| **Answer** |
| Yes. |

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| **2** | **RFP Section & Page Number** | **Question** |
| General Questions on RFP #20242217 | I had a question regarding your grants program. I just met with Central Maine Gleaners and they do a lot of composting and food waste support and they'd like to see if the City of Waterville could apply for a small grant on their behalf with the City acting as fiscal agent and dispersing the grant to them. My question is 1.) Would this be allowable 2.) Could their volunteer hours or even my time contribute as a match? They are looking at covering the costs of supplies. |
| **Answer** |
| 1)Yes, it is allowable, just list the Central Maine Gleaners as a co-applicant. 2) Yes, your time and their time may be counted towards the 25% match requirement. |