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

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| **RFP NUMBER AND TITLE:** | RFP# 202508114, 2025 Waste Diversion Grant Special Fall Bonus Organics Round |
| **RFP ISSUED BY:** | Maine Department of Environmental Protection |
| **SUBMITTED QUESTIONS DUE DATE:** | August 29, 2025 |
| **QUESTION & ANSWER SUMMARY ISSUED:** | September 5, 2025 |
| **PROPOSAL DUE DATE:** | September 17, 2025, no later than 11:59 PM Local Time |
| **PROPOSALS DUE TO:** | [Proposals@maine.gov](mailto: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** |
| Page 6, Section: Eligibility to Submit Bids | Does the recycling component include materials such as textiles, household appliances, and other durable goods, or is it limited to the recycling of organics? |
| **Answer** | |
| Limited to Organics. | |

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| **2** | **RFP Section & Page Number** | **Question** |
| Page 8, Section C, Scope of Services to be provided | Regarding the statement, “Promote waste reduction through reuse, repair, upcycling, and sharing economic initiatives,” does this apply broadly to all waste streams, or is it intended to focus specifically on organic waste? |
| **Answer** | |
| Organics only. | |

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| **3** | **RFP Section & Page Number** | **Question** |
| Section IV, page 15 | If the proposed purchase of equipment exceeds the amount of grant funding available (15,000),  should the proposal include the entire purchasing price, or should the proposal stop at the  maximum funding available? |
| **Answer** | |
| No, as the required match is 25% of the “Total Project Cost”. | |

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| **4** | **RFP Section & Page Number** | **Question** |
| N/A | Can funding be implemented by 501(c)3 volunteers, under the supervision of a coordinator? This pertains to a waste diversion program that is struggling to get off the ground in rural areas due to food pantry volunteers not having sufficient gas money. Gas vouchers were raised by community partners as a key barrier towards diverting farm food waste towards donations. |
| **Answer** | |
| Funding must be received by a Maine-based organization and then may be dispersed for use by employees and volunteers. However, we will need to review the submitted proposal more closely, to determine the eligibility of what is being proposed. | |