

## Selection Criteria:

This competitive grant program evaluates applications based on the thoroughness of the proposal and its alignment with the objectives of improving circular outcomes for compostable packaging. The review committee, including leadership from the Center for the Circular Economy at Closed Loop Partners, the US Composting Council (USCC) and Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI), will score applications from eligible entities using the following rubric.

\*Please note the rubric spans 2 pages.

Criteria	Description	Points
Ability to implement project within the appropriate timeframe	Does the applicant clearly understand and demonstrate the ability to execute the project effectively within the proposed timeline?  Reminder, all projects must be complete by March 1, 2026.	20
Alignment	Does the project meet the grant objectives to increase circular outcomes of food-contact compostable packaging?	15
Scale & replicability	Is the project replicable, and does it provide key insights for scaling and increasing impact outside of the grantee's organization/business or community?	15
Regional opportunity	Does the project bring positive change to a community or region lacking adequate composting services?	15
Impactful storytelling	Does the project have a compelling story and is it likely to advance the narrative on the recovery of compostable packaging?	15

Collaborative spirit & data collection	Can the applicant aggregate data or information that quantifies the project's effectiveness? Is the applicant willing to share additional data/information to enhance our understanding of composting in their region?	10
Synergy to our mission(s)	<p>If a composter: Does the project dovetail with other Composting Consortium projects or workstreams?</p> <p>If a municipality or community group: Does the project dovetail with other Composting Consortium projects or workstreams, and does the project align with BPI's mission?</p>	5
Existing partnership	<p>If a composter: are you part of the Composting Consortium's Composter Innovator Program?</p> <p>If a municipality or community group: Are you or your composting partner part of the Composting Consortium's Municipal Partnership Platform and/or BPI's Municipality Committee?</p>	5