

COMMUNITY-SCALE COMPOST GRANTS

The Manhattan Solid Waste Advisory Board (MSWAB),
Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer,
and Citizens Committee for New York City
invite you to apply for a grant to start, expand,
and grow composting programs!



www.citizensnyc.org/grants/composting-grant

Eligibility Requirements:

- Submit grant application by 11:59pm on September 16, 2019
- Must be a community association, community garden, friends of park group, housing development group, nonprofit, school, college/university, hospital, or private business
- Must be located within the five boroughs of New York City

Available Funds:

Small grants, ranging from \$100-\$750, will be available to awardees

Applications:

Send completed proposal to kgrassle@citizensnyc.org no later than 11:59pm on September 16, 2019

Questions?

For more information, please contact Katie Grassle at 212-822-9567 or kgrassle@citizensnyc.org. Grants will be announced by October 21, 2019

Grant Restrictions

Funds should be used for building or purchasing equipment and tools for a compost system as well as signage or other resources for community outreach. **Funds cannot be used for** planning or personnel expenses. Awardees must assume all liability for their projects and sign an agreement governing the project.

Selection Criteria

- Completeness of application in which all questions are adequately answered
- Ability to educate target audience about the value of composting
- Ability to quantitatively track outcomes of the initiative (roughly measure the amount of food scraps diverted)
- Ability to financially sustain the initiative/present a cost-effective model
- Ability to implement project, i.e., site permissions, track record of group

2019 City-Wide Community-Scale Composting Grant
Manhattan Solid Waste Advisory Board (SWAB) & Citizens Committee for New York City

Background

The Manhattan Solid Waste Advisory Board (MSWAB), a citizen advisory board appointed jointly by Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer and New York City Council members representing districts in Manhattan, announces its 8th Annual Community-Scale Composting Grant to provide funding assistance for community, small-scale organic waste diversion initiatives across the city in 2019.

The SWAB membership consists of individuals from community boards, recycling and carting industries, environmental organizations, property owners, tenant organizations and members of the general public. The MSWAB advises the Manhattan Borough President, City Council and City administration regarding the development, promotion and operation of the city's recycling program. Recommendations for the city's recycling program include methods to encourage greater participation, educate the public and increase waste diversion rates.

Citizens Committee for New York City works with a wide network of grassroots groups across the five boroughs, supporting resident-led groups working in low-income neighborhoods undertaking projects addressing issues that they identify as important to them. In 2018, we awarded over \$1.9 million in grants and services and provided hundreds of hours of skills-building workshops and project-planning assistance to 461 resident-led groups.

The Manhattan SWAB, the Manhattan Borough President's Office, and Citizens Committee for New York City believe that organic waste diversion is central to the City's goal of [zero waste](#) to landfills and incinerators by 2030. Supporting community-based groups to compost in their communities helps reinforce this goal. In addition to decreasing waste to landfills and incinerators, the small-scale local processing of organic materials produces compost, a natural soil amendment, and delivers many environmental benefits to communities. Compost increases the nutrient content and moisture retention of soil and eliminates the need for chemical fertilizers. Diverting organics from landfills also reduces the production of methane (a potent greenhouse gas) and leachate, a potential fresh water contaminant. Additionally, local organics separation and diversion can spur business opportunities, such as pedal powered micro-haulers and reduce costs associated with bagged landfill waste litter and cleanup.

Since its inception in 2011 the program has granted over \$178,057 to 249 groups to undertake composting projects in their neighborhoods in all five boroughs.

Grant Goals

- Provide funding assistance for community, small-scale organic waste diversion initiatives in all five boroughs
- Encourage initiatives that utilize environmentally preferable alternatives to long-distance waste export while also reducing the harmful effects on climate from landfill methane release and protecting our drinking water from excessive nutrient runoff.
- Promote initiatives that improve the living soil biology for gardens, parks, street trees, landscaping and incubate ideas that can establish economic opportunities within communities

If you have any questions, please contact Katie Grassle at 212.822.9567 or kgrassle@citizensnyc.org. All selections will be made solely by the members of the Manhattan Solid Waste Advisory Board (SWAB) and Citizens Committee, and awards will be announced by **October 21, 2019**.

Application

Section 1: General Information

1. What is the name of your group or school?
2. What is your project's name (if any)?
3. Please list **two** contact names for your group, including primary phone numbers and emails.
Contact 1 Name: Contact 1 Phone #: Contact 1 Email:

Contact 2 Name: Contact 2 Phone #: Contact 2 Email:
4. What is your group's mailing address? (You must be able to receive mail at this address).
5. Please list the address(es) where the project will take place (or cross streets if there is no address). Mail will not be sent there.

Section 2: Tell Us More About Your Group

1. In what neighborhood(s) and borough(s) does your group work?
2. When was your group formed – month and year?
3. If your group is new, is this the first project it is undertaking?
4. If your group is affiliated with a staffed organization, what is the name of that organization?
5. Does your group have 501(c)(3) status? (*Note: groups are not required to have this status to receive a grant. If your group's 501(c)(3) application is pending, please state that.*)
6. If your group is on the web (Facebook, website, blogs, etc.), please list the URLs.
7. Has your group received a grant from Citizens Committee in the past? If yes, what year(s)?
8. Please briefly describe your group's purpose, history, and accomplishments (maximum: two short paragraphs).
9. List your neighborhood's...
Council District #:

Community Board #:

State Senate District #:

Assembly District #::

Congressional District #::

If you do not know the above information, please visit <http://maps.nyc.gov/doitt/nycitymap/> to

