

Agenda Item Summary

To: Policy Board

From: Matt Hart, Executive Director

CC: Pauline Yoder, Chief Operating Officer, CCSWA

Meeting Date: December 17, 2025

Subject: Resolution to Accept Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) Grant of \$440,300.00 for the Regional Food Waste Collection and Diversion Program

Background: In April of 2025, DEEP issued a Request for Applications (RFA) through the Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) Grant Program to support municipalities and regional waste authorities with developing and implementing source-separated organics programs. In June of 2025, CRCOG submitted a grant proposal requesting funds to develop and implement regional food waste collection and diversion programs, services, and education offered by its regional waste authority, the Central CT Solid Waste Authority (CCSWA). CCSWA was created pursuant to state statute in 2010 by some of CRCOG's member towns.

In November of 2025, DEEP provided notification that CRCOG would receive a SMM Grant award in the amount of \$440,300 to implement regional food waste collection and diversion programs and services.

The SMM Grant will include: (1) Equipment and Materials, (2) Operational Costs, (3) and Education and Outreach for a regional food waste collection and diversion program as part of a comprehensive regional solution for collection and diversion of food scraps over the next three (3) years, with a primary focus on implementation in CRCOG's regional waste authority member communities. CRCOG and DEEP are finalizing a contract agreement and Scope of Work.

Benefit to Member Towns/CRCOG: The grant will enable CRCOG and its regional waste authority members to implement regional food waste collection and diversion programs and services by financing equipment, materials, operational, and education and outreach services. This will include the potential for infrastructure development, cooperative bidding, and project scaling to realize cost savings, reduce food waste from municipal solid waste streams, and increase availability of services to regional waste authority members, including unserved, underserved, and environmental justice (EJ) communities.

Financial/Operational Impact: The grant includes funding for equipment and materials, operational costs, and education and outreach, as well as in-kind administrative support from CRCOG and CCSWA.

Project Schedule: Upon execution of a contract agreement by and between CRCOG and DEEP, CRCOG will accept SMM Grant funds and begin planning and implementation of the regional food waste program/services. Staff expects to complete the project over the next three years.

Recommendation: In order to realize the benefits of this grant program, I recommend that that the Policy Board approve the Resolution to Accept the Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) Grant.

Attachments:

- Resolution to Accept the Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) Grant

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS
MANAGEMENT (SMM) GRANT OF \$440,300**

WHEREAS, CRCOG’s regional waste authority, the Central Connecticut Solid Waste Authority, (CCSWA), was formed to provide waste management and diversion opportunities, programs, and services for member municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT-DEEP) issued a grant award to CRCOG in the amount of \$440,30000 to provide funds to support a regional food waste collection and diversion program to benefit CRCOG and its regional waste authority members; and

WHEREAS, CRCOG and DEEP will collaborate with CRCOG and its regional waste authority member municipalities throughout the region to develop and implement regional food waste collection and diversion programs and services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the CRCOG Policy Board authorize CRCOG’s Executive Director to sign a contract with CT-DEEP, including, but not limited to, any amendments, modifications, addendums, and/or extensions thereto, and to accept grant funds for the purposes outlined above.

CERTIFICATE

I certify the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Policy Board at its meeting held on December 17, 2025.

BY: _____
Rodney Fournier, Secretary

DATE: _____