

Pilot Project: Food Scrap Composting at Community Gardens

A project of Composting Association of Vermont and Vermont Community Garden Network

Sample Budget for Grassroots Fund funding request and garden in-kind

Budget Item	Grassroots Fund	In-Kind	Total
Compost Steward stipend ~4hrs/wk. x 32wks x \$10/hr.	\$1,300		\$1,300
Travel stipend for 3 Garden Leaders to attend training session - \$50 ea.	\$150		\$150
3 Garden Leaders/Compost Stewards training session time compensation - 4hrs @ \$20		\$240	\$240
Bin design & construction (here are sample plans)			
Lead builder for bin construction - 10 hr. x \$35	\$350	Or % in-kind	\$350
*Materials	\$200	\$300	\$500
Volunteers - 15hrs @ \$20/hr. x 4		\$1,200	\$1,200
Hospitality (food/drink) for construction day		\$125	\$125
Tumblers - quantity discount pallet of 8, \$600 ea.	\$600 (\$800)		\$600 (\$800)
Collection bins/totes (donated by SWMD)		\$200	\$200
Tools - 3' probe thermometer w/ handle	\$150		\$150
Carbon Material (local source & SWMD/town)		\$1,500	\$1,500
Pile maintenance volunteers ~ 4 hrs. x 32 wks. x \$20		\$2,500	\$2,500
Compost System Monitoring (SWMD) 1/2 hr./wk. x 30wks @ \$35		\$525	\$525
Signage - educational, instructional, general	\$100	Or % in-kind	\$100
Outreach costs (i.e. fliers, educational materials, additional signage, etc.)	\$100		\$100
	\$2,950	\$6,590	\$9,540

*Assumes 4 bin system made from pallets and heavy gauge hardware cloth. [See sample bin plans](#) and materials list with costs for details. Visit <http://vcgn.org/cg-food-scrap-composting/> for more details.