



# Bow Valley Waste Management Commission

## **2026 Zero Waste Events Grant**

As a leader in responsible waste management, the Bow Valley Waste Management Commission (BVWMC) has supported events in the Bow Valley to move towards Zero Waste for over 10 years. Our goal is for this grant to enable events to take the next step on their zero-waste journey.

**Zero waste: The conservation of all resources by means of responsible production, consumption, reuse, and recovery of products, packaging, and materials without burning and with no discharges to land, water, or air that threaten the environment or human health.” - Zero Waste International Alliance (ZWIA)**

### **Eligibility**

- Community organizations and not-for-profit events and societies that are organizing an event(s) in the Bow Valley **before March 1<sup>st</sup> 2027**.
- Successful recipients from previous years may re-apply, providing they have completed their reporting requirements from those grants.

### **Funding allocation**

- Applications will be reviewed and ranked by the Grant Selection Committee.
- Successful projects or initiatives are eligible for up to \$1,000 in funding, covering a **maximum of 50%** of the project or initiative costs.
- A total of \$10,000 is available for allocation.
- [The Zero Waste Hierarchy](#) will be used to rank applications, with applications demonstrating was to Rethink, Reduce and Reuse scoring higher than those that implement steps lower on the hierarchy.
- Initiatives that build the capacity of the event or organization will be ranked higher than those covering yearly costs.
- New initiatives will be ranked higher than those that an event is already doing.

**Examples of eligible activities** – implement a reusable food ware program, purchase/hire specialised equipment that will reduce waste, implement additional recycling or organics diversion, employ waste station staff, complete waste evaluation at end of event, implementing new ways to recover unused or excess items to reduce waste.

### **Reporting Requirements**

Successful applicants are required to complete and submit a final summary on or before **March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2027**, that includes:

- Description of grant allocation, the size and duration of the event.
- Statement of impact: a brief synopsis of how the grant allocation improved zero waste practices (500 words or less). Qualitative and quantitative measures of impact are encouraged e.g. quotes from attendees and waste diversion or audit results.



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- Budget or receipts showing how the allocation was spent
- Picture(s) describing initiative/event that can be publicly shared.

## **Contact Information**

If you require more information on the Zero Waste Events Grant program, please email Andrew at [acotterell@bvwaste.ca](mailto:acotterell@bvwaste.ca)

Applications will be open from January 21<sup>st</sup> 2026 to 10am March 2nd 2026. Notification of successful application will be complete by March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Application form can be accessed at <https://bvwaste.ca/news-updates/>