

SARRC Research and Development Funding

Saskatchewan Association for Resource Recovery Corp., (SARRC), on behalf of its industry Members, is responsible through provincial regulation for the end-of-life management of motor oil, oil filters, antifreeze, and oil/antifreeze/diesel exhaust fluid (DEF) containers of 50 litres or less. SARRC provides financial incentives to independent businesses to collect and, in the case of containers, process these materials, so that they can be recovered and reused or recycled. These incentives are funded entirely through collection of environmental handling fees levied on products sold in Saskatchewan.

Purpose

The purpose of SARRC's research and development funding is to encourage innovation, improvements to existing practices, or development/implementation of new technologies related to:

1. The collection of used oil filters, used lubricating oil, used antifreeze or used oil/antifreeze/DEF containers;
2. The processing of used oil filters, used lubricating oil, used antifreeze or used oil/antifreeze/DEF containers into value-added products;
3. Other recycling or beneficial post-consumer use of used oil filters, used lubricating oil, used antifreeze or used oil/antifreeze/DEF containers;
4. Packaging or product design to improve the recyclability of used oil filters, used lubricating oil, used antifreeze or used oil/antifreeze/DEF containers; and/or
5. Development of products or goods made from recycled used oil filters, used lubricating oil, used antifreeze or used oil/antifreeze/DEF containers.

Activities eligible for funding may include, but are not limited to:

1. Research into new technologies or processes;
2. Development of pilot processes;
3. Commercialization of existing processes;
4. Refinements and optimization of existing systems; or
5. Any other project benefiting SARRC and/or its Members as approved.

Level of funding

A total of \$10,000.00 is available in 2021. Funding maximums are approved annually by the Board of Directors.

Eligible Applicants

Applicants must be based in Saskatchewan to be eligible and must be affiliated with one of the categories listed below, in order of preference:

1. public research or post-secondary institutions;
2. not-for-profit organizations;
3. private research institutions; or
4. for-profit businesses.

Eligible Expenses

Project spending must be reasonable and justified. Eligible expenses generally include:

1. Wages or stipends;
2. Travel as is necessary for completion of the project;
3. Materials and supplies necessary for the project; and
4. Consumable equipment relevant to the project.

The following expenses are generally excluded:

1. Overhead costs associated with office, research or lab space;
2. Purchase of capital assets; and
3. Markup on disbursements or consumable equipment.

Expenses not listed above will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Conditions

1. The project must be Saskatchewan based with the approved funds being used within the province;
2. Results of the project must be release into the public domain, to be shared with SARRC, its Members, its stakeholders and interested members of the public;
3. Projects must not favour one particular stakeholder or Member of SARRC over another;
4. Any work completed prior to approval is not eligible for funding; and
5. 50% of project funding will be withheld until completion of a final report.

Application Process

Please submit a brief proposal to sarrc@usedoilrecycling.ca which:

1. Describes how the project fits within the purpose of SARRC's R and D policy described above;
2. Clearly states the goal of the project;
3. Identifies the location and type of organization proposed to conduct the project;
4. Provides an itemized budget which also identifies any additional funding or contributions in kind secured to support the project;
5. Provides a schedule with projected delivery of a final report to SARRC; and
6. Identifies who will be responsible for the project, and how work will be completed (e.g., existing staff, new hires, graduate or undergraduate students, etc.).

Proposals will be evaluated and results will be communicated within 30 days of being received. Once annual budgeted funding has been distributed, proposals will be held for consideration for the next year.