

Worcester Public Schools
Office of Grants Management

Grant Acceptance Form

Name of Grant: Toxic Use Reduction Community Grant

Type of Funder: Toxic Use Reduction Institute, TURI – Umass Lowell

Awarded Amount: \$10,000.00

Grant Funding Period: September 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019

Project title: Environmentally Preferable Products (EPP) for School Building and School Bus Fleet Maintenance

Program coordinator: James Bedard, Environmental Compliance and Capital Projects

Purpose: Deepen and broaden the work of the Environmental Management System (EMS).

Description of the program: This work is part of an existing district-wide initiative. For the past eight years, WPS has embarked on development of an EMS. As part of the EMS, WPS is seeking changes in procurement and operations to reduce environmental, health and safety hazards in all departments.

Program location: District-wide initiative

Outcomes and Measures:

- I. Research – identify less hazardous products
- II. Conduct Work Sessions- to conduct research, plan projects, provide information, engage audiences:
 1. OTA – MassCAR Program – the project will seek information and assistance from OTA for product selection and best practices in conjunction with the WPS Transportation Department.
 2. OSD – FAC94 – assistance from the Trades Contract Manager and Director of Environmental Purchasing to identify EPP products available on the contract and request for products currently unavailable.
 3. Vendors – MSC and Grainger – to identify their items OSD EPP FAC94 Trades contract items.
 4. Vendor – AutoBeGreen, EPPs for maintenance and operation of Grounds equipment and vehicles.
 5. WTHS – project outreach to shop teachers to participate in product identification, training and piloting.

III. Conduct Five Trainings- tradesmen, transportation dept, etc.

IV. Generate Three Sets of EPP Purchasing Criteria

1. Trades maintenance
2. Auto Products
3. Grounds equipment, maintenance

V. Piloted products and product evaluations – in each of the 3 project sectors listed above.