



Grant Program for Alternatives to Polystyrene Foam (e.g. Styrofoam) Foodware

The Town of Truckee is offering one-time grant funding to assist businesses currently using polystyrene foam foodware products in transitioning to alternatives. The Town's single-use foodware reduction ordinance prohibits the use of polystyrene foam products beginning April 1, 2023.

Eligibility: Prepared food vendors within Town of Truckee limits currently distributing or providing polystyrene foam (e.g. Styrofoam) foodware to serve prepared food. Polystyrene foam foodware items including takeout containers, plates, bowls, or cups are eligible.

Eligible use of grant funds: Funding may be used to reimburse procurement of non-polystyrene foam foodware to replace polystyrene foam foodware, i.e. takeout containers, plates, bowls, or cups. *Note:* this grant program only covers foodware items; funding is not available for the procurement of other non-polystyrene foam goods to replace the sale of additional polystyrene foam products prohibited by the Town's foodware ordinance, including polystyrene foam coolers or packaged food items such as egg cartons and meat trays.

Funding amount: \$300 maximum per business

Deadlines:

- Grant applications are due by April 1, 2023
- Reimbursement forms and documents are due by June 1, 2023

Program Schedule and Requirements:

1. A W-9 form must be returned with the grant application.
2. Reporting: Businesses shall submit the polystyrene data collection worksheet to report the annual quantity of polystyrene foam foodware products purchased before transition to a non-polystyrene foam alternative. Technical assistance from Town staff is available.
3. Town funding will be dispersed on a reimbursable basis as a single payment to the business. Once notified of the award amount, businesses must submit a reimbursement form, and itemized receipt of payment or invoice and proof of payment, for each non-polystyrene foam product purchased to replace polystyrene foam products. Only items being submitted for reimbursement should be on a receipt or invoice. Reimbursement forms and documentation of all purchases are due by June 1, 2023. The grant award will be paid when all reporting requirements and reimbursement documents have been received by the Town.