

§ 3534. Funding of Diversion Activities.

(a) There is hereby created within the Commonwealth Treasury an Environmental Management Fund. All funds collected through the imposition of Advance Disposal Fees shall be deposited in this fund, specifically established for the diversion of the specific materials through:

(1) Internal operations and shared agency costs such as the operation of collection and transfer facilities for recyclable materials;

(2) Contracting for the private sector operation of collection and processing activities;

(3) Payment of Avoided Costs Payments to permitted recyclers, buy back centers or others authorized under this chapter.

(4) The construction of facilities or purchase of containers or equipment necessary to collect, process and re-manufacture the material, including their repair and maintenance.

(5) Payments offsetting shipping costs to off-island markets; and

(6) To fund CNMI or private sector market development activities, with a prime focus on the development of local uses, including research and demonstration projects, start up grants for local manufacturers; and

(7) To fund CNMI or private sector education and outreach activities, including personal service contracts, media and publication costs and other related items;

(8) To partially cover the costs of funding for the position of recycling coordinator or other staff whose duties include the promotion of diversion activities, oversight of diversion grants or contracts or the accounting requirement of the fund;

(9) Administration of the program including the collection of the fees and oversight of payments to other agencies or the private sector;

(10) Travel and training pertinent to the improvement of diversion activities for the targeted materials.

(b) The Secretary of the Department of Public Works, in consultation with the Director of Solid Waste Management, shall be the expenditure authority of such funds.

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Commission Comment: The subsections in this section that were designated in numerals have been changed to lower case alphabets to comply with standard code formatting pursuant to the authority provided in [1 CMC § 3806](#).

In codifying PL 24-12, the Commission omitted drafting marks pursuant to 1 CMC § 3806(g).