

Hello Recycle Team,

The application for the GreenWorks grant is due February 28<sup>th</sup>. Here is what the online application looks like. I've completed a draft for each question on the next pages. I welcome all feedback that might improve our chances of winning the \$10,000 award!

-Karen

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**Project Name** (see how this field works)

**Project Location** (see how this field works)

**Project Description** (see how this field works)

**How a Green Heroes grant could help your project and your community** (see how this field works)

I have read and agree to the terms of the [grant program](#)

I confirm that the grant will be used for the purpose of the grant program

**Submit my submission**

**green works** **city of mississauga** **mississauga** **the green heroes grant program**

**Photo:**



**Project Name (25 word max):**

La Entrada Classroom Waste Reduction

**Project Location (25 word max):**

La Entrada School (grades 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>)  
2200 Sharon Road  
Menlo Park, CA

### **Project Description (200 word max):**

Last year, La Entrada implemented a successful composting program that diverts 75% of lunch waste (240 cubic yards/year) from the landfill. This year, driven by the passion and hard work of our 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade student Green Club, we aim to adapt and extend that program into the classrooms.

The student Green Club did a careful trash audit, and determined that 70% of our classroom trash could be composted or recycled. Next, they analyzed our current classroom waste management system, and with input from custodial staff, proposed how to improve our recycle rate, and begin composting in each classroom.

For sustainable operation, the project will be jointly supported:

- School facilities staff will transport trash, recycling and compost from classrooms to the school dumpsters.
- Leadership students will educate and encourage the school community to recycle and compost consistently.

Having the same system in every classroom is critical for success, and that means significant up-front costs to buy recycle and compost containers for every classroom.

We have the experience, the plan, and the team in place. Funding from the Green Heroes award will allow us to divert another 240 cubic yards of waste from the landfill each year.

*(199 words)*

**Describe how a Green Heroes grant from the Green Works™ team could help your project and the impact your project will have. Include any examples of proven success. (200 word max):**

A Green Heroes grant will help the La Entrada Student Green Club reduce waste at La Entrada by putting into place a sustainable, student and school supported classroom recycling and composting system.

This project will complement La Entrada's already successful lunch waste reduction program in which all food, paper and compostable containers are composted, diverting 240 cubic yards from the landfill each year.

Green Club students quantified the waste-reduction potential with a multi-classroom trash audit, and determined that 70% of current classroom trash could be recycled or composted, reducing the school's landfill waste by another 240 cubic yards each year.

The Green Club will use the Green Heroes grant to purchase bins with color- and slot-coded lids for every classroom, new custodial carts to allow for daily pickup of classroom compost, and educational materials and activities.

This project is well researched and already has the support of student and parent volunteers, facilities staff, administration, and teachers.

This project aims to support, educate, and inspire students and staff to discard of their waste sustainably as a matter of habit. For the La Entrada community, throwing away something that could be recycled or composted will feel as unacceptable as littering.

(198 words)

**Is your project affiliated with any non-profit/community group? If yes, please describe.\* (50 word max):**

We are affiliated with La Entrada School, the La Entrada associated student body, and the La Entrada PTA, which are all non-profit organizations.

- I have read and agree to the terms of the [Official Rules](#).
- I confirm that the submission: (i) is my original work; (ii) does not violate or infringe another's rights; (iii) has not been published or submitted in any other competition; (iv) and that I have the approval of all individuals depicted in this submission to use their image and likeness in this contest.

A panel of eco-experts including representatives from the Sierra Club, ecofabulous.com and Josh Dorfman, the Lazy Environmentalist, will review all submissions and select 10 finalists, based on criteria that includes: benefit to the environment, impact on the local community, efficiency in its use of budget, timing/feasibility and creativity.