



NEXTCYCLE  
MICHIGAN

ADVANCING RECYCLING  
INNOVATION IN MICHIGAN

### BUILDING A ROBUST CIRCULAR ECONOMY THROUGH PARTNERSHIP AND INNOVATION

NextCycle Michigan is designed to connect entrepreneurs, companies, organizations and communities to technical and business support, accelerating recycling, recovery and reuse initiatives in Michigan.

### ACCELERATOR TRACKS

NextCycle Michigan accelerator tracks help selected teams develop investment-attractive and implementation-ready projects that increase recycling access and services to build a resilient and circular economy in Michigan. Tracks focus on various types of projects including:



**Food, Liquids, & Organic Waste Systems (FLOWS):** Collection, processing or end market use of organic materials, primarily food scrap and food waste.



**Recycling Innovation & Technology (RIT):** Novel material recovery or sorting technologies, recycled content products, new uses for recycled or organic materials or other innovations in sustainable materials management.



**Intergovernmental Initiatives & Public-Private Partnerships (I2P3):** Public entity-led initiatives that advance recycling and composting in communities.



**Recycling Supply Chain (RSC):** Development of recycling supply chain infrastructure through hub and spoke systems, logistics, processing or material end market innovations.

### PARTICIPANT BENEFITS

#### EXPERTISE AND ASSISTANCE

- One-on-one consulting
- Expert mentorship from an advisory panel of industry and business leaders
- Accelerator Academy to develop project plan and pitch

#### FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- Awards for pitch/showcase competition winners
- Improved position on additional funding or grant applications
- Matchmaking with potential funders
- Support in navigating funding pathways and investment opportunities

#### NETWORKING & OTHER RESOURCES

- Networking with other innovators, experts and investors
- Matchmaking with potential partners
- Access to data and other resources
- Recognition and publicity

### ELIGIBILITY & EQUITY

Businesses, entrepreneurs, universities, tribal entities, public agencies and/or non-profits with investable project ideas are eligible to apply. Teams from underserved, under-resourced or underrepresented communities and cross sector partnerships are encouraged to apply. Out-of-state organizations can apply; however, the project must be implemented in Michigan or directly recover Michigan materials.

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