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Having worked on both the tire recycling and carpet recycling programs with CalRecycle, I make the following suggestion.

The mattress recovery and recycling plans , submitted by each organization ,should contain a section detailing:

1. The various material fractions that result from the recycling process. ie steel, foam, cotton shreds etc.
2. A plan for using those material fractions as raw material for secondary products..example crumb rubber from tires molded into floor mats.
3. Plan for developing secondary products and markets to consume them.

It has been learned thru previous recycling efforts that to maximize diversion, sustain a program and help create California jobs, secondary products need to be developed, nurtured, and introduced into receptive markets.

Using money received for recycling to fund these efforts initially is both appropriate and necessary.

Regards,

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