



## 2014 COMMUNITY GRANT

The Community Grant program provides financial assistance to Ohio local governments that propose to design and establish projects involved in the collection and processing of recyclable materials and litter prevention programs or projects. The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Agency) is seeking proposals involving one or more of the following materials collected or processed in Ohio:

- aluminum
- construction and demolition debris
- deconstruction material
- electronics
- glass
- old corrugated cardboard
- organic (food waste) material
- paint
- paper
- plastics (#1 - #7) with focus on polystyrene

The agency is also seeking proposals to support litter prevention assistance to enforce anti-litter laws, educate the public, and stimulate collection and containment of litter.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Those eligible to apply include an agency of the state, as established by the Ohio Revised Code. An agency of the state may be a municipal corporation, county, township, village, state college or university, solid waste management district or authority, park districts, health districts, and state-wide recycling & litter prevention trade associations.

### FUNDING CRITERIA

These competitive grants will be awarded based on the following:

- Demonstration of positive economic and environmental impact regionally or statewide
- Assurances that the project will accomplish stated goals and is transferable
- Potential for evolution into a permanent service or program without future Agency funding
- Past grant performance, including project implementation, expenditures and submission of reports
- Consistency with the strategic goals of the local and state solid waste management plans
- Qualifies as an eligible project and includes one or more targeted materials
- Financial need of the applicant
- Availability of grant funds
- Submission of required forms and comprehensive responses to all applicable questions
- No outstanding financial or compliance with the State of Ohio

## SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Applicants must indicate how they will comply with the project-based match requirements for the grant. A **fifty percent (50%)** cash match must be available and expended on those allowable costs directly associated with the approved project. The maximum grant period for the Community Grant is 12 months.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FUNDING SOURCE

A grant funding line is required for all projects. (Examples include the Ohio EPA logo/signage on grant-funded equipment or facilities or the standard funding credit line on printed educational material or promotional items).

## COMMUNITY PROJECTS

## GRANT REQUEST (Up To)

• Commercial Recycling	\$ 20,000
• Construction & Demolition Debris Recycling	\$ 50,000
• Curbside Recycling	\$ 200,000
• Deconstruction Material Recycling	\$ 100,000
• Drop-off Recycling	\$ 100,000
• Environmental Crime Taskforce	\$ 10,000
• Litter Prevention	\$ 20,000
• Material Recovery Facility Recycling ( <b>Public</b> )	\$ 150,000
• Outreach Education & Training	\$ 25,000
• Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT)	\$ 100,000
• Special Venue Recycling	\$ 50,000
• Sponsorships	\$ 2,000

## PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Subject to cash availability, grantees will receive an advance grant payment, while the remaining grant balance will be held in reserve to reconcile the grant at closeout.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Oct. 1, 2013 - Application Package posted at [www.epa.ohio.gov/dmwm/Home/Grants.aspx](http://www.epa.ohio.gov/dmwm/Home/Grants.aspx)
- Oct. 3, 2013 – 2014 Grant Informational Meeting
- Feb. 3, 2014 - Applications due
- May 2014 - Awards announced
- July 2014 - Funding available

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