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Ohio EPA Awards Grants For Recycling and Litter Prevention

Ohio EPA is awarding nearly \$1.5 million in grant funding to help 25 communities strengthen local recycling and litter prevention efforts.

“Investing in community recycling programs protects our environment, saves valuable landfill space and strengthens our economy,” said Ohio EPA Director Craig Butler.

The grants will develop five curbside programs, address logistical issues with two commercial recycling programs, provide more efficient equipment to four material recovery facilities (MRFs), and offer financial resources to numerous litter education and special venue projects.

By creating or expanding a curbside recycling program, the primary focus is to protect Ohio’s environment by reusing material, saving the energy that would have been used to make new material, preserving landfill space, and supporting important jobs in the recycling, processing and hauling business.

Projects approved for funding include:

- Logan County Solid Waste District \$ 150,000
- Hamilton County Solid Waste District \$ 50,000
- Franklin County \$ 100,000
- Brooklyn (Cuyahoga County) \$ 191,400
- Auglaize County Solid Waste District \$ 63,038
- Van Wert Solid Waste District \$ 14,098
- Clark County Solid Waste District \$ 6,820
- Lawrence/Scioto Solid Waste District \$ 20,000
- Clinton County Solid Waste District \$ 3,180

- Ross County \$ 2,000
- Rural Action (Athens County) \$ 5,400
- Wyandot County Solid Waste District \$ 24,600
- Ashtabula (Ashtabula County) \$ 200,000
- Cleveland (Cuyahoga County) \$ 200,000
- Dayton (Montgomery County) \$ 10,000
- Jackson (Jackson County) \$ 106,093
- Lawrence/Scioto Solid Waste District \$ 20,000
- Lorain County Solid Waste District \$ 2,800
- Ohio Veterans Home (Erie County) \$ 6,882
- Darke County Solid Waste District \$ 6,504
- Wilmington (Clinton County) \$ 127,000
- Fairfield County \$ 117,408
- Lucas County Solid Waste District \$ 9,700
- Newark (Licking County) \$ 17,695
- Ohio Association of Litter Prevention and Recycling Professionals (Erie County) \$ 2,000

The Community Recycling and Litter Prevention Grant provides financial assistance to communities based on need, the demonstration of positive economic and environment impacts regionally or statewide and the potential for permanent service that does not need assistance from outside funding. Grant communities must commit 50 percent local matching funds.

For additional information about the grant program, contact Ohio EPA at (614) 644-2873 or www.recycleohio.gov.