Community and Litter Grant Eligible Projects

Local governments can receive funding to purchase equipment for the collection and processing of recyclables and construction demolition debris. Communities and non-profit organizations can also receive funding to implement litter collection events, outreach and education as well as tire amnesty programs (tire amnesty programs require a minimum $0.50/tire collection fee). Grantees have 12 months to complete the project.

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<th>Project Category</th>
<th>Maximum Grant Request</th>
<th>Project Examples</th>
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<td>C&amp;DD and Deconstruction Recycling</td>
<td>$200,000</td>
<td>Systems and individual equipment to collect and process C&amp;DD material at the point of generation or disposal. Funding is also available for efforts related to the deconstructing of materials for re-use markets.</td>
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<td>Curbside Recycling</td>
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<td>Equipment related to the implementation of a new community curbside recycling service or an expansion of an existing program.</td>
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<td>Material Recovery Facility Recycling (MRF)</td>
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<td>The establishment of a new or expansion of an existing material recovery facility.</td>
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<td>Drop-off Recycling</td>
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<td>Purchase of equipment for start-up or the expansion of drop-off recycling collection programs.</td>
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<td>Recycling Equipment</td>
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<td>Equipment for collecting and/or processing a recyclable material (for example, cardboard, glass, plastic, organics, etc.).</td>
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<td>Litter Clean-up Events</td>
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<td>Equipment, materials and supplies for an on-going litter collection effort. Also, contractual costs associated with the actual collection and disposal costs of material from public land.</td>
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<td>Tire Amnesty Collection</td>
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<td>Amnesty collection of scrap tires. Applicant is required to charge a $0.50 minimum fee as part of this grant.</td>
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<td>Surveillance Cameras</td>
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<td>Surveillance cameras for litter law enforcement efforts.</td>
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<td>Sponsor statewide recycling and litter prevention conferences that promote environmental efforts and technologies.</td>
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Allowable Costs

**Equipment and Signage**
- Purchase of recycling equipment.
- Purchase or rental of equipment, tools and supplies for litter cleanups.
- Safety and awareness signage.

**Goods and Services**
- Disposal fees for litter and tire amnesty collection projects.
- Produce, print and distribute advertising and awareness materials.
- Purchase litter clean-up awareness items such as t-shirts.
- Purchase tools and supplies necessary to implement the project.
- Site improvements directly related to projects.
- Sponsorships.

**Personal Services Contract**
- Contracts covering the costs necessary for services of public or private contractors.

Unallowable Costs

Grant funds will be used to supplement but not replace existing funds. Costs that are **not** reimbursable with grant funds include, but are not limited to:
- costs not identified under Allowable Costs;
- employees’ salaries, benefits or administrative costs;
- financial services and grant writing fees;
- food or entertainment expenses, including procurement of coolers, grills, etc.;
- bulk fuel for transportation or equipment;
- land acquisition;
- materials not generally found in the municipal solid waste stream;
- payment to individuals, crews or organizations to pick up litter;
- tire amnesty and litter collection projects conducted on private property;
- recycling of hazardous waste;
- website development and maintenance;
- unmanned aerial vehicles (drones).

Combination Grant Requests

A single application may include a combination of grant requests. For example, a litter collection event, drop-off containers and outreach and education may be included in one application. Combination grant requests will be evaluated as a single application, not by the individual activities. A combination grant request is eligible if:
- the requested total amount equals $100,000 or less;
- the request does not include C&DD and deconstruction, curbside recycling, or material recovery facility recycling;
- KAB certification and KAB renewal may not be requested together.

Additional Information

Those eligible to apply include the following:
- Municipal corporations, counties, townships, villages, solid waste management districts or authorities, park districts, health districts, state agencies, statewide recycling and litter prevention trade organizations, and non-profit organizations.
- A 25 percent match is required (match is calculated as a percentage of the grant request).
- Financial match must be a cash or credit. Using "in kind" and funds from other grant programs is prohibited.
- Grant period is 12 months (July through June).
- Grant and match funds must be spent within the grant period.
- No outstanding financial or environmental compliance issues with applicant.
- No partial awards are issued.
- If awarded, timeline extensions and/or additional grant funds are not allowable.

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