Ohio EPA’s Recycling and Litter Prevention program supports communities and businesses that initiate or expand recycling programs, encourage sustainable practices, stimulate economic growth and support litter prevention efforts through three different grants.

Community and Litter Grant*
Local governments can receive funding to purchase equipment for the collection and processing of recyclables. Communities and non-profit organizations can also receive funding to implement litter collection events and tire amnesty programs (tire amnesty programs require a minimum $0.50 collection fee).

Market Development Grant
This grant provides businesses, manufacturers and material processors opportunities to create or expand recycling processing capacity and recycled material production. Funding is available for equipment specifically needed to remanufacture recyclable materials into bulk raw material or finished product. To be eligible for this grant, the applicant must have a governmental sponsor.

Scrap Tire Grant
This grant program offers businesses, manufacturers and material processors funding to create or expand scrap tire processing capacity and product manufacturing. Funds are also available for beneficial use projects that incorporate the use of ground tire rubber and recycled asphalt shingles. Business applicants must have a governmental sponsor.

When are applications accepted?
Ohio EPA will accept applications Oct. 1, 2018 through Feb. 1, 2019. Grants are awarded on an annual basis and will be awarded on July 1, 2019. The application process for this funding program is highly competitive.

Who is eligible to apply?
Provided they are in good financial standing with the State and have no outstanding environmental compliance issues, the following Ohio groups are eligible to apply: counties; health departments; municipal corporations; non-profits; park districts; private sector businesses; private universities; public universities; solid waste management authorities and districts; state agencies; townships; and villages. Groups in italics may require a public sponsor.

What is Ohio EPA’s funding criteria?
Criteria for successful grants includes, but are not limited to:
- Consistency with the strategic goals of the local and state solid waste management plans.
- Financial need of the applicant.
- No outstanding financial or compliance issues with applicant.
- Positive regional or statewide economic and environmental impact.
- Potential for evolution into a permanent service or program without future Agency funding.
- Qualifies as an eligible project.

* Ohio EPA previously had two grant funding categories which have been combined into a single category of Community and Litter Grants to make the online application process easier for our customers. All activities previously eligible for funding under both categories remain eligible and the award levels for both community recycling and litter clean-up/prevention activities are expected to remain similar to past years.
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What funding is available? Do these grants require a financial match?
Ohio EPA grant funds vary from year to year. The table below shows the anticipated grant amounts and required match levels for 2019.

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Where do I apply?
Application must be filled out online at: https://ohioepa.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/2934.

What information do I need when applying?
Depending on the program, the applicant will need to supply the following information.
- Applicant/Authorized Official/Project Contact Information.
- Provide an executive summary.
- List activities/events with projected dates and project timeline.
- State goals and methods to measure and evaluate the project.
- Budget details specific to your project.
- Equipment quotes and specifications.
- Explain operational and financial needs.
- Explain how Ohio EPA's financial participation is identified.
- Describe your long-term financial and operational project commitment.
- Provide a Dun & Bradstreet Business Report.
- List your business primary product lines.
- Method of Collecting and Processing.
- Discuss your company's method of product distribution.
- Explain the current industry trends impacting your community or organization.
- Explain the current recycling and waste trends impacting your community or organization.
- Define your project site operation and service area.
- Explain the permits and licenses required and secured for the project.
- Identify partners committed to the project, including volunteers and other participants, donated goods and services, waived tipping fees, etc.
- Tire Amnesty Collection Fee Ordinance or Resolution.

Where can I find more information?
- Visit the Ohio EPA recycling website: recycleohio.gov

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