



2021 Recycling and Litter Prevention Program Academic Institution Grant

Academic Institution Grant Eligible Projects

Public and private K-12 schools, colleges, and universities may receive funding for recycling efforts as well as outreach and education, recycling equipment, and conference sponsorships. Grantees have 12 months* to complete the project.

Project Category	Maximum Grant Request	Match	Project Examples <i>examples are illustrative and not all-inclusive</i>
Scrap Tire for Civil Engineering/Construction Projects	\$300,000	100%	Using scrap tires for drainage, backfill in construction projects or paving initiatives.
Recycling Equipment	\$100,000	25%	Purchase of equipment for start-up or the expansion of recycling program including organics and glass.
Drop-off Recycling	\$100,000	25%	Purchase of equipment for start-up or the expansion of drop-off recycling collection programs.
Special Venue Recycling	\$50,000	25%	Recycling collection program targeted at sporting venues and entertainment facilities.
Outreach and Education Training	\$50,000	25%	Creating new or updating current recycling and litter prevention education and training materials.
Litter Clean-up Events	\$40,000	25%	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.
Sponsorships (Statewide Conferences)	\$3,000	25%	Sponsor statewide recycling and litter prevention conferences that promote environmental efforts and technologies.

* Grant period is 24 months (July 1 through June 30) for scrap tire/civil engineering projects

Combination Grant Requests

A single application may include a combination of grant requests. For example, 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:

- requested total amount equals \$100,000 or less; and
- does not include scrap tire civil engineering/construction projects.

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Allowable Costs

Equipment

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

Other (Goods and Services)

- Disposal fees for litter collection projects.
- Produce, print, and distribute advertising and awareness materials.
- Purchase litter clean-up awareness items such as t-shirts, reusable bags, magnets, etc.
- Purchase tools and supplies necessary to implement the project.
- Sponsorships.
- Site improvements for scrap tire civil engineering/construction projects.

Personal Services Contract

- Contracts covering the costs necessary for services of public or private contractors related to the project.

Unallowable Costs

Non-reimbursable costs

- 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.
- Payment to individuals, crews, volunteers, or organizations to pick up litter.
- Website development and maintenance.
- Unmanned aerial vehicles (Drones).

Non-reimbursable activities

- In-kind donations as part of match.
- Replacing operational funds with grant funding.
- Litter collection projects conducted on private property.
- Recycling of hazardous waste.
- Materials not generally found in the municipal solid waste stream.

Additional Information

Those eligible to apply include the following:

- Public and private K-12 schools, colleges, and universities.
- 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 1 through June 30) and 24 months for scrap tire/civil engineering projects.
- 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.
- If awarded, initial payment of 50 percent is released on July 1 and remaining funds are released after a completed electronic closeout report is submitted and approved by Ohio EPA.
- Applications and grant closeout reports are submitted online at <https://ohioepa.custhelp.com/app/apply>.

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