



2022 Recycling and Litter Prevention Grant 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%	Projects using scrap tires for drainage, backfill in construction projects or paving initiatives in civil engineering projects. Construction of trails, walkways or ramps utilizing scrap tire material or use of pavers made of scrap tire material (ground tire rubber). *Grant period is 24 months (July 1 through June 30)
Recycling Equipment	\$100,000	25%	Equipment for collecting and processing of recyclable material (for example, cardboard, glass, plastic, organics, etc.). Equipment for bagging units, balers, containers, conveyors, grinding units, in-vessel composting units, optical sorters, plastic excursion systems, printing and production materials, pulping units, screening equipment, signage, trucks, drying units.
Drop-off Recycling	\$100,000	25%	New or expansion of existing drop-off recycling including equipment (trucks and machinery) and recycle containers.
Special Venue Recycling	\$50,000	25%	Recycling equipment, materials, and supplies for special venues and events. Cardboard containers, clear stream containers, permanent containers (ex. recycling bins) signage, litter disposal.
Outreach and Education Training	\$50,000	25%	Materials for outreach and education (printing, design, and/or production of recycling educational materials).
Litter Clean-up Events	\$40,000	25%	Equipment, materials, supplies for litter collection events on public property (bags, gloves, litter grabbers, safety vests, signage, disposal fees, printing/marketing, event truck and dumpster rental).
Conference Sponsorships and Assistance	\$3,000	25%	Conference room rental, AV equipment, printing production, registration materials, name badges, agendas, conference registration software.

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.
- Student involvement is encouraged, including providing details of how students are assisting with the planning and implementation of the proposed project.
- 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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