

# Calling all Ohio local governments, counties, and solid waste management districts

## Do you need help with your drop-off recycling program?

The Recycling Partnership, through funding from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, is offering grants to local governments (cities, townships, and villages), counties, and solid waste management districts to improve quality, capture, and participation for drop-off recycling programs.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Who's eligible to apply?

Any Ohio local government, county, or solid waste management district representing a group of communities, both rural and urban, who operate a drop-off recycling program are eligible for grant funding.

### How do we apply for funding?

Complete application instructions will be released with the RFP on August 29, 2022. Communities can begin the process by gaining letters of support from their MRF, hauler (if different from MRF), and solid waste management district (if different from project applicant).

### How much money is available?

Grant funding is available for up to four Ohio local governments, counties, and solid waste management districts to conduct an anti-contamination recycling campaign while increasing recycling capture and participation. Grant funds are available for \$3/ single-family household with a maximum of 25,000 households (\$75,000) per grant application.

### How much match funding is required?

The average implementation cost for this recycling quality improvement program is estimated to be \$4/household for drop-off programs. Therefore, a minimum of \$1/household match is required by grantees, with the remaining \$3/household being provided by grant funding.

## What does the grant pay for?

Grant eligible expenses will include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Seasonal and/or third-party staff for engaging residents at drop-off sites\*
- Survey design, development, and deployment\*
- Drop-off signs to educate residents\*
- Printing and mailing direct mail pieces\*
- Website\* and other social media
- Community signage
- Bill inserts
- Drop-off site anti-contamination security solutions (i.e., fencing, cameras, etc.)
- Other innovative contamination reduction strategies

\*Required components of the program. Internal staff may be used to engage residents but will not be eligible for grant funding.

For assistance in creating your budget, refer to The Partnership's "Staffing Guidance" and "Printing & Mailing Specification for Education & Outreach Materials" guides. Links to these documents can be found on the final page of The Partnership's [Drop-off Recycling Contamination Reduction Kit](#).

## What are the selection criteria for funding?

Key grant selection criteria will include:

- Ability and readiness of applicant to successfully implement an anti-contamination recycling program including the required elements of the grant program
- Applicant has support from material recovery facility (MRF), hauler (if different from MRF), and solid waste management district (if applicable)
- Number of single-family households in proposed service area
- Willingness to engage with residents at the drop-off sites
- Leverage of additional resources, including local, state, or other non-profit funding

## What is the grant application and implementation timeline?

The grant request for proposal (RFP) is open as of August 29, 2022. There will be a grant webinar to answer questions at 1 PM ET on Wednesday, October 12, 2022. [Register for the webinar here](#). Grant applications are due November 18, 2022, with grant awards made in late December 2022.

## Questions?

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Learn more about Drop-Off Recycling Contamination Reduction best management practices with this [short video](#).