



Community and Litter Grant

Community and Litter Grant Eligible Projects

Local governments and nonprofits can receive funding to purchase equipment for the collection and processing of recyclables and construction and demolition debris. These organizations can also receive funding to implement litter collection events, outreach, and education. Tire amnesty programs, with a required minimum \$0.50/tire collection fee, are an eligible activity. If awarded, grantees have 12 months to complete the project.

Project Category	Maximum Grant Request	Project Examples (examples are illustrative and not all-inclusive)
C&DD Collection and Processing Equipment	\$200,000	Equipment for collecting and processing construction and demolition debris (conveyors, magnetic units, balers, material grinders, skid steers, front loader).
Curbside Recycling	\$200,000	New or expansion of existing curbside recycling including equipment (trucks and machinery) and recycle containers.
Material Recovery Facility Recycling (MRF)	\$200,000	Equipment for new or expansion of publicly owned or operated MRF (conveyors, balers, screening systems, optical sorters, air systems, skid steer, front loader).
Organic Material Diversion	\$200,000	Equipment for the collection, reuse, or recycling of organic material. Includes equipment for food rescue such as trucks, freezers, carts, wagons, and bins. Also includes equipment for composting such as bagging units, conveyors, drying units in-vessel composting units, screening tools, and signage.
Drop-off Recycling	\$200,000	New or expansion of existing drop-off recycling including equipment (trucks and machinery) and recycle containers.
Recycling Equipment	\$200,000	Equipment for collecting and processing of recyclable material (cardboard, glass, metal, plastic, etc.), including bagging units, balers, containers, conveyors, grinding units, optical sorters, plastic extrusion systems, printing and production materials, pulping units, screening equipment, signage, and trucks.
Outreach and Education Training	\$75,000	Materials for outreach and education (printing, design, and/or production of recycling educational materials).
Contamination Reduction	\$75,000	Materials for communities to engage residents through a cart tagging program directly and indirectly to change the curbside recycling behavior of those contaminating the recycling stream (mailers, tags, tracking apps, etc.).
Special Venue Recycling	\$75,000	Recycling equipment, materials, and supplies for special venues and events. Cardboard containers, clear stream containers, permanent containers (ex. recycling bins) signage, litter disposal.
Litter Clean-up Events	\$50,000	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).
Tire Amnesty Events	\$50,000	Equipment, materials, and supplies for tire collection/amnesty events (tire collection, transport, and/or disposal). There is a required minimum \$0.50/tire collection fee.
Household Hazardous Waste Collection	\$50,000	Materials and supplies for household hazardous waste drop off and disposal, including collection days, Centers for Hard-To-Recycle Materials (CHaRMs), or other collection facilities. Includes disposal fees, containers, and marketing (mailers, signage, promotions).

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Surveillance Cameras	\$25,000	Equipment for litter law enforcement efforts (surveillance camera equipment, hardware, software, and/or signage). Drones are ineligible.
Conference Sponsorships and Assistance	\$5,000	Conference room rental, AV equipment, printing production, registration materials, name badges, agendas, conference registration software.
KAB Certification Fee	\$5,000	Keep America Beautiful Annual Certification Fee.
KAB Annual Renewal Fee	\$575	Keep America Beautiful Annual Renewal Fee.

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
- KAB certification and KAB renewal may not be requested together

Allowable Costs	Unallowable Costs
<u>Equipment and Signage</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Purchase of recycling equipment ♦ Purchase or rental of equipment, tools, and supplies for litter cleanups ♦ Safety and awareness signage <u>Goods and Services</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 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, reusable bags, magnets, etc. ♦ Purchase tools and supplies necessary to implement the project ♦ Site improvements directly related to projects ♦ Sponsorships <u>Personal Services Contract</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Contracts covering the costs necessary for services of public or private contractors related to the project 	<u>Non-reimbursable costs</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 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) <u>Non-reimbursable activities</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ In-kind donations as part of match ♦ Replacing operational funds with grant funding ♦ Tire amnesty and litter collection projects conducted on private property ♦ Surveillance cameras for litter law enforcement efforts on private property ♦ Materials not generally found in the municipal solid waste stream

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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

Other Considerations

- 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 (April 1 through March 30). Grant and match funds must be spent within this 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 April 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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