

2016 MARKET DEVELOPMENT GRANT



The Market Development Grant program offers grant funds to Ohio businesses and non-profit organizations that propose to create the infrastructure necessary for successful markets of recyclable materials and related products. The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Agency) is seeking proposals involving one or more of the following materials collected or processed in Ohio:

- aluminum
- carpet and padding
- construction and demolition debris
- electronics/CRT Glass
- glass
- mattresses
- metals
- organic (food waste) material
- old corrugated cardboard
- paint
- paper
- plastic (#1 - #7)
- shingles
- wood waste

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Private sector businesses and non-profit organizations who are located and registered to conduct business in Ohio may seek market development funding. However, businesses and non-profit organizations applying for funds must secure a public sponsor to serve as the grant applicant. Those eligible to serve as sponsors include an agency of the state, as established by the Ohio Revised Code (ie. municipal corporation, county, township, village, state college or university and solid waste management district or authority). An agency of the State may sponsor multiple private sectors businesses (cooperating enterprise) or non-profit organizations (cooperating enterprise).

FUNDING CRITERIA

These competitive grants will be awarded based on the following:

- Demonstration of positive economic and environmental impact regionally or statewide
- Assurances that the project will accomplish stated goals and is transferable
- Potential for evolution into a permanent service or program without future Agency funding
- Past grant performance (project implementation, expenditures and submission of reports)
- Consistency with the strategic goals of the local and state solid waste management plans
- Qualifies as an eligible project and includes one or more targeted materials
- Financial need of the applicant
- Availability of grant funds
- Submission of required forms and comprehensive responses to all applicable questions
- No outstanding financial or compliance issues

MARKET DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROJECTS

GRANT REQUEST (Up To)

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| • Construction & Demolition Debris Recycling | \$ 250,000 |
| • Glass Recycling | \$ 250,000 |
| • Manufacturing & Processing | \$ 250,000 |
| • Material Recovery Facility Recycling (Private) | \$ 250,000 |
| • Organics Recycling | \$ 250,000 |

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Applicants must demonstrate that the cooperating enterprise (business or non-profit organization) will commit a minimum of **one hundred percent (100%)** matching funds, equal to the amount requested in grant funds. The match must be a cash contribution or a documented line of credit. The maximum grant period for the Market Development program is 24 months. Applicants sponsoring businesses or non-profit organizations must enter into a contract with that entity to implement the grant-approved activity. A grant funding line is required for all projects and an acknowledgement of funding source.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FUNDING SOURCE

A grant funding line is required for all projects. (Examples include the Ohio EPA logo/signage on grant-funded equipment or facilities or the standard funding credit line on printed educational material or promotional items).

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Subject to cash availability, grantees will receive an advance grant payment, while the remaining grant balance will be held in reserve to reconcile the grant at closeout.

IMPORTANT DATES

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| • Oct. 1, 2015 - Application Package posted at www.recycleohio.gov | • Feb. 1, 2016 - Applications due |
| • Oct. 29, 2015 – Informational Meeting (10 a.m.) | • April 2016 - Awards announced |
| • Webinar: Nov. 18, 2015 at 10 – 11 a.m. | • July 1, 2016 - Funding available |

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