Ohio EPA Awards Recycling Market Development Grants

Ohio EPA has awarded $1.24 million in recycling market development grants to eight projects across Ohio.

Projects include assisting four businesses with recycling and diverting more material (including plastics, glass and fiber) from regional waste streams; expanding the capability of a construction and demolition debris facility; and increasing the capacity to process electronics waste at a material recovery facility. The projects are expected to create 28 new jobs.

Businesses and nonprofit groups are eligible for funding, but must be sponsored by a public entity, such as a municipality, county, township or solid waste management district.

Projects approved for funding include (rounded to the nearest dollar):

- Quality Farms, in partnership with the city of Dayton, to purchase product deconstruction processing equipment, grant award is $232,509;
- New Avenues to Independence, sponsored by the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Management District, to install balers to process medical plastic materials, grant award is $21,000;
- JDM Services, LLC – Frank Road C&D, supported by Franklin County, involving a new construction and demolition debris material processing unit, grant award is $250,000;
- Accurate IT Services, in conjunction with Franklin County, includes the purchase of a Stokermill recycling unit addressing electronic materials, grant award is $131,668;
- Second Harvest, supported by Lorain County Solid Waste Management District, involves purchasing a baler to process stretch film, grant award is $6,425;
- Fremont Plastic Products, in conjunction with the Ottawa Sandusky Seneca Solid Waste Management District, to install an off-spec plastic grinding unit, grant award is $225,000;
- Momentive Performance Materials, sponsored by Union Township (Licking County), to purchase a glass grinding and sizing unit, grant award is $125,000; and
- Next Generation Films, in partnership with the village of Lexington (Richland County), to recycle plastic film not meeting specifications, grant award is $250,000.

Ohio EPA is responsible for implementing statewide recycling, waste reduction, recycling market development and litter prevention programs. All Ohioans are encouraged to reduce waste, recycle materials and buy recycled content products.

For additional information about the grant program, contact Ohio EPA at (614) 644-2873, or visit www.recyleohio.gov.