



## 2021 Recycling and Litter Prevention Program Scrap Tire Grant

### Scrap Tire Grant Eligible Projects

This grant program offers businesses (e.g. manufacturers, scrap tire recovery facilities, material processors) funding to create or expand scrap tire processing capacity and product manufacturing. Funds are also available for local governments and nonprofits to complete beneficial use projects that incorporate the use of ground tire rubber. Business applicants must have a government sponsor. Grant funds for business applicants are reimbursed only after project completion through the government sponsor. Grantees have 24 months to complete the project.

Project Category	Maximum Grant Request	Project Examples <i>examples are illustrative and not all-inclusive</i>
Equipment for Scrap Tire Manufacturing & Processing	\$300,000	Scrap tire operation targeting expansion or upgrades through equipment purchases.
Scrap Tire for Civil Engineering/Construction Projects	\$300,000	Using scrap tires for drainage, backfill in construction projects, or paving initiatives.

### Allowable Costs

#### Equipment

- Purchase of equipment.

#### Goods and Services

- Site improvements directly related to projects (e.g. electrical, concrete work, plumbing, compressed air lines, etc.).
- Purchase tools and supplies necessary to implement the project.
- Produce, print, and distribute awareness materials (local governments and nonprofits).

#### 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.
- Equipment rental, including long-term leasing.
- Financial services and grant writing fees.
- Marketing (business product or brand-related marketing and advertising).
- Food or entertainment expenses, including procurement of coolers, grills, etc.
- Bulk fuel for transportation or equipment.
- Land acquisition.
- Website development and maintenance.

#### Non-reimbursable activities

- In-kind donations as part of match.
- Research and development.
- Replacing operational funds with grant funding.
- Recycling of hazardous waste.
- Projects utilizing materials not generally found in the municipal solid waste stream.

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## Cooperating Enterprise and Government Sponsor

A business applicant is considered the cooperating enterprise and must have a government sponsor to apply. A government sponsor can be any local government entity. The government sponsor is the grantee for any funded project and is required to apply through the online grant portal. Therefore, businesses should work closely with their government sponsor throughout the grant process to ensure that the project is successful. This includes updating the government sponsor on the project progress and working with them to close out the grant.

If awarded funding, 100 percent of the grant payment shall be held by Ohio EPA and not forwarded to the government sponsor (grantee) until all expenditures have been completed, the appropriate invoices and proof of payment are documented, and an Ohio EPA final compliance check is completed. Once the government sponsor (grantee) receives the payment, the grantee shall forward the payment in full to the business (cooperating enterprise).

## Required Financial Documentation for Cooperating Enterprise

The following required financial documents must be submitted by the business (cooperating enterprise) by email at [recycle@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:recycle@epa.ohio.gov) by Feb. 12, 2021. Failure to submit this information may result in denial of the grant request. Please visit Ohio EPA's [Requesting the Recognition of Trade Secret Protection](#) fact sheet for more information about trade secret claims.

- 3-5 years of sales projections with anticipated Return on Investment (ROI)
- Bank letter indicating sufficient funds for project costs (line of credit, letter of credit or proof of cash reserves)
- Business Credit Rating Report (Dun & Bradstreet, Equifax Business, Experian Business, etc.)
- 3-5 years of profit and loss or income statement reports

## Additional Information

- Requires a 100 percent match.
- Financial match must be a cash or credit. Using "in kind" and funds from other grant programs is prohibited.
- Project location must be secured at time of award.
- Grant period is 24 months (July 1 through June 30).
- 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 to local governments and nonprofits on July 1 and the remaining funds are released after a completed electronic closeout report is submitted and approved by Ohio EPA.
- If awarded, no funds are released to the government sponsor/business until the project is completed and an electronic closeout report is submitted and approved by Ohio EPA.
- A Scrap Tire Grant Word template for a business with a government sponsor is available to download at [recycleohio.gov](http://recycleohio.gov) (under Grant Resources and Publications) to assist in preparing the necessary information to submit an online grant application.
- Applications and grant closeout reports are required to be submitted online at <https://ohioepa.custhelp.com/app/apply>.

For more information, please visit [recycleohio.gov](http://recycleohio.gov) or contact us at [recycle@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:recycle@epa.ohio.gov).