**Academic Institution Grant Eligible Projects**

Public and private K-12 schools, colleges and universities may receive funding for recycling efforts as well as outreach and education, recycling equipment and conference sponsorships. Grantees have 12 months to complete the project.

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<th>Project Category</th>
<th>Maximum Grant Request</th>
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<th>Project Examples</th>
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<td>Paving (GTR or RAS)</td>
<td>$300,000</td>
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<td>Projects involving the use of ground tire rubber (GTR) or recycled asphalt shingles (RAS) or a combination of both in new paving initiatives.</td>
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<td>Recycling Equipment</td>
<td>$100,000</td>
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<td>Purchase of equipment for start-up or expansion of recycling program including organics and glass.</td>
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<td>Drop-off Recycling</td>
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<td>Special Venue Recycling</td>
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<td>Litter Clean-up Events</td>
<td>$40,000</td>
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<td>Equipment, materials and supplies for an on-going litter collection effort. Also, contractual costs associated with the actual collection and disposal costs of material from public land.</td>
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<td>Outreach and Education Training</td>
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<td>Sponsorships (Statewide Conferences)</td>
<td>$3,000</td>
<td>25%</td>
<td>Sponsor statewide recycling and litter prevention conferences that promote environmental efforts and technologies.</td>
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**Allowable Costs**

**Equipment**
- Purchase of equipment.
- Purchase or rental of equipment, tools and supplies for litter cleanups.
- Safety and awareness signage.

**Other (Goods and Services)**
- 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.
- Purchase tools and supplies necessary to implement the project.
- Sponsorships.
- Site improvements for paving projects.

**Personal Services Contract**
- Contracts covering the costs necessary for services of public or private contractors.
- Such costs shall not include salaries or benefits of existing or in-house employees.

**Unallowable Costs**

Grant funds will be used to supplement but not replace existing funds. Costs that are not reimbursable with grant funds include, but are not limited to:
- 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.;
- fuel for transportation or equipment;
- land acquisition;
- materials not generally found in the municipal solid waste stream;
- payment to individuals, crews or organizations to pick up litter;
- tire amnesty and litter collection projects conducted on private property;
- recycling of hazardous waste;
- website development and maintenance;
- unmanned aerial vehicles (drones).
Combination Grant Requests
A single application may include a combination of grant requests. For example, 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:

- requested total amount equals $100,000 or less;
- does not include paving projects.

Additional Information
Those eligible to apply include the following:

- Public and private K-12 schools, colleges and universities.
- 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 (July through June).
- 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.

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