



**Environmental  
Finance  
Center**

*Syracuse University*



# FUNDING GUIDE

FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS IN SUSTAINABLE  
MATERIALS MANAGEMENT



## About the Environmental Finance Center

The Syracuse University Environmental Finance Center (SU-EFC) facilitates the development of sustainable and resilient communities throughout US EPA Region 2 (New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands, and eight tribal nations), across the US, and internationally.

Located at the Syracuse University Center for Sustainable Community Solutions (CSCS), SU-EFC enhances the administrative and financial capacities of state and local government officials, nonprofit organizations, and private sectors to make change toward improved environmental infrastructure and quality of life.

## About This Guide

With this reference tool, we hope to take some of the guesswork out of grant research for capital projects in sustainable materials management. This reference tool was created by SU-EFC, with support from USDA Rural Development, to help guide local governments and non-profits in New York State in search of federal, state, and third party financing for sustainable capital projects.

Each funding resource is identified by the name of the funding program, the source agency or organization, and the source agency's contact information, as well as eligible applicants, funding cycles, program description and other relevant information.



### **FEDERAL GRANTS**

Provided by agencies such as the US Environmental Protection Agency and the US Department of Agriculture, appear in dark gray.



### **STATE GRANTS**

Provided by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, NYS Empire State Development, and others, appear in orange.



### **PRIVATE GRANTS**

Provided by companies such as Walmart and Project Learning Tree, appear in light gray.

# POLLUTION PREVENTION (P2) GRANT PROGRAM

## Description

This program supports state and Tribal technical assistance programs that help businesses and industries identify better environmental strategies and solutions for reducing or eliminating waste at the source. It also aims to improve business competitiveness without increasing environmental impacts.

## Eligible Recipients

- State colleges
- Federally-recognized tribes and intertribal consortia
- States

## Eligible Activities

- Technical assistance
- Training
- Outreach and education
- Regulatory integration
- Data collection
- Research
- Demonstration projects
- Recognition programs
- Identifying and addressing regulatory and non-regulatory barriers and incentives to pollution prevention

## More Information

<http://www.epa.gov/p2/grant-programs-pollution-prevention>

### ***Funding Source:***

US EPA

### ***Funding Amount:***

\$40,000 - \$360,000 over two years

### ***Match Requirement:***

50 percent match; for tribal governments that place P2 grant activities into a performance partnership grant (PPG), the match for the federally-recognized tribe gets reduced to 5 percent

### ***Deadline:***

Recurring

### ***Contact:***

(202) 566-0799  
ppic@epa.gov  
Pollution Prevention  
Program, US EPA  
1200 Pennsylvania Ave.  
NW, Mail Code 7406-M  
Washington, DC 20460

# SOURCE REDUCTION ASSISTANCE GRANTS

## Description

This program provides funding to reduce or eliminate hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants from entering waste streams or otherwise released into the environment prior to recycling, treatment, disposal and/or energy recovery activities.

## Eligible Recipients

- Non-profit organizations
- Independent school districts
- City or township governments
- Public and private institutions of higher education
- Community-based grassroots organizations
- Local governments
- Indian tribes and intertribal consortia
- Federally-recognized tribes and intertribal consortia
- States
- District of Columbia, the United States Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, any territory or possession of the United States

## Eligible Projects

Projects that involve source reduction that eliminate or reduce pollution at the source including, but not limited to, greenhouse gases and/or hazardous materials, and those that promote resource conservation, efficient business practices and P2 integration activities are encouraged to apply.

## More Information

<http://www.epa.gov/p2/grant-programs-pollution-prevention#sra>

### **Funding Source:**

US EPA

### **Funding Amount:**

\$20,000 - \$260,000 over two years

### **Match Requirement:**

5 percent match

### **Deadline:**

Recurring

### **Contact:**

(202) 566-0799  
ppic@epa.gov  
Pollution Prevention  
Program, US EPA  
1200 Pennsylvania Ave.  
NW, Mail Code 7406-M  
Washington, DC 20460

# ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE GRANTS, COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS AND PROGRAMS

## Description

The Environmental Justice Department provides financial assistance to aid in the identification of environmental and/or public health issues, and to address solutions.

## Eligible Recipients

- Varies by grant

## Eligible Projects

- Issue identification
- Strategic goal-setting
- Community education, training and outreach
- Community capacity-building
- Consensus-building and dispute resolution
- Multi-stakeholder partnerships and resource mobilization
- Management and implementation
- Evaluation, lessons learned and replication of best practices

## More Information

<http://www3.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/grants/index.html>

### **Funding Source:**

US EPA

### **Funding Amount:**

Varies

### **Deadline:**

Recurring

### **Contact:**

Ash Christine Anne  
(212) 637-4006  
[ash.christine@epa.gov](mailto:ash.christine@epa.gov)  
(NJ, NY, PR, VI)  
US EPA, REGION 2  
290 Broadway  
(21ST FL)  
New York, NY 10007

# ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM

## Description

The purpose of this program is to support environmental education projects that enhance the public's awareness, knowledge and skills to help people make informed decisions that affect environmental quality. EPA regions will each fund eight to twelve grants of approximately \$15,000 to \$25,000, while EPA Headquarters will fund three to eight grants of approximately \$50,000 to \$125,000.

## Eligible Recipients

- Non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations
- School districts
- Other educational institutions

## Eligible Projects

- Capacity building
- Education reform
- Environmental stewardship
- Health education
- Teacher training
- Student career development

### **Funding Source:**

US EPA

### **Funding Amount:**

Varies

### **Contact:**

Wanda Ayala  
ayala.wanda@epa.gov  
or Jennifer May  
may.jennifer@epa.gov  
US EPA, Region 2  
290 Broadway  
26th Floor  
New York, NY  
10007-1866

## More Information

<https://www.epa.gov/education/environmental-education-ee-grants>

# TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING GRANTS

## Description

This program provides funding to identify and evaluate solutions to water and waste disposal challenges.

## Eligible Recipients

- Non-profit organizations
- Public bodies
- Federally acknowledged or State recognized Native American tribe or group
- Academic Institutions
- The District of Columbia
- The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
- A United States territory

## Eligible Projects

- Identify and evaluate solutions to water source, storage, treatment and distribution problems, and to waste collection, treatment and disposal problems
- Assist in the preparation of water and/or waste loan and/or grant applications
- Improve operations and maintenance of existing water and waste disposal facilities in rural areas

## More Information

<http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-technical-assistance-training-grants>

### ***Funding Source:***

USDA Rural Development

### ***Funding Amount:***

To be determined pending budget approval by Congress

### ***Deadline:***

October 1 - December 31 each year

### ***Contact:***

Anita O'Brien  
Loan Specialist  
(202) 690-3789  
[anita.obrien@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:anita.obrien@wdc.usda.gov)



# SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

## Description

The purpose of this program is to reduce or eliminate pollution of water resources in rural areas, improve planning and management of solid waste sites in rural areas, and to provide technical assistance for the reduction of solid waste and implementation of site plans.

## Eligible Recipients

- Non-profit organizations
- Academic institutions
- Public bodies
- Tribes

## Eligible Projects

- Evaluate landfill conditions to determine water resource threats
- Provide technical assistance and/or training to help communities reduce their solid waste
- Stream work and improvements to landfill operation, maintenance and closure issues
- Provide technical assistance or training to enhance the operation and maintenance of active landfills

## More Information

<http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/solid-waste-management-grants>

### ***Funding Source:***

USDA Rural  
Development

### ***Funding Amount:***

To be determined  
pending budget  
approval by Congress

### ***Contact:***

Solid Waste Grant  
Manager  
(202) 720-9589  
Rural Development  
National Office

# RURAL ENERGY FOR AMERICA PROGRAM GRANTS / RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS / ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

## **Description**

The REAP/RES/EEI Grants Program provides grants for energy audits and renewable energy development assistance. It also provides funds to agricultural producers and rural small businesses to purchase and install renewable energy systems and make energy efficiency improvements.

## **Eligible Recipients**

The program is designed to assist farmers, ranchers and rural small businesses that are able to demonstrate financial need. All agricultural producers, including farmers and ranchers, who gain 50% or more of their gross income from the agricultural operations are eligible. Small businesses that are located in a rural area can also apply. Rural electric cooperatives may also be eligible to apply.

## **Eligible Projects**

Eligible renewable energy projects include projects that produce energy from wind, solar, renewable biomass, anaerobic digesters, geothermal, hydro power and hydrogen-based sources. The projects can produce any form of energy including, heat, electricity, or fuel. Energy efficiency projects are also eligible.

## **More Information**

<http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-energy-america-program-renewable-energy-systems-energy-efficiency>

### ***Funding Source:***

USDA Rural Development

### ***Funding Amount:***

Grants are limited to \$500,000 for renewable energy systems and \$250,000 for energy efficiency improvements

### ***Contact:***

Gary Pereira  
(315) 736-3316 Ext. 129  
gary.pereira@ny.usda.gov  
USDA Rural Development  
9025 River Road  
Marcy, NY 13403

# BIOREFINERY, RENEWABLE CHEMICAL, AND BIOBASED PRODUCT MANUFACTURING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

## Description

The purpose of this program is to assist in the development of new and emerging technologies for the development of advanced biofuels, to:

- Increase the energy independence of the United States
- Promote resource conservation, public health, and the environment
- Diversify markets for agricultural and forestry products and agriculture waste material
- Create jobs and enhance the economic development of the rural economy

## Eligible Recipients

- Individual/Entity
- Indian tribe
- Unit of state or local government
- Corporation
- Farm cooperative
- Farmer cooperative organization
- Association of agricultural producers
- National laboratory
- Rural electric cooperative
- Public power entity
- Consortium of any of the above entities
- Institution of higher education

## Eligible Projects

Technology that is being adopted in a viable commercial-scale operation of a biorefinery that produces an advanced biofuel; and technology that has been demonstrated to have technical and economic potential for commercial application in a biorefinery that produces an advanced biofuel.

### **Funding Source:**

USDA Rural Development

### **Funding Amount:**

Varies

### **Deadline:**

Letters of Intent must be received by September 1 and March 1 of each year

### **Assistance Consideration:**

Maximum Agency participation is 80%

### **Contact:**

Todd Hubbell  
(202) 720-0410  
Todd.Hubbell@wdc.usda.gov  
USDA Rural Development  
Energy Division  
Attention:  
Technology Branch  
1400 Independence Avenue,  
SW, Stop 3225  
Washington, DC  
20250-3225

**More Information** <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/biorefinery-renewable-chemical-and-biobased-product-manufacturing-assistance>

# HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT GRANT PROGRAM FOR TRIBES

## Description

This purpose of this grant is to provide assistance in the development and implementation of hazardous waste management programs, to address hazardous waste management issues, and help Tribes maintain regulatory compliance.

## Eligible Recipients

- Indian tribal government
- Inter-tribal consortium

## Eligible Projects

The design and implementation of hazardous waste management programs and activities that address the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Subtitle C “cradle to grave” approach.

## Eligible Activities

- Technical assistance
- Training
- Outreach and education
- Regulatory integration
- Data collection
- Research
- Demonstration projects
- Recognition programs
- Identifying and addressing regulatory and non-regulatory barriers and incentives to pollution prevention

## More Information

<http://www.epa.gov/tribal/grants-tribes-topic>

## ***Funding Source:***

US EPA; Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response

## ***Deadline:***

Contact headquarters of regional office for application deadlines

## ***Contact:***

David Abrines  
(212) 637-3043  
(212) 637-4437  
Abrines.David@epa.gov  
Region II  
U.S. EPA  
290 Broadway  
22nd Floor  
New York, NY 10007-1886

# WATER & WASTE DISPOSAL PREDEVELOPMENT PLANNING GRANTS

## **Description**

This program assists low-income communities with initial planning and development of an application for USDA Rural Development Water and Waste Disposal direct loan/grant and loan guarantee programs.

## **Eligible Recipients**

- Rural areas and towns with a population of 10,000 or less
- Most State and local governmental entities
- Nonprofit organizations
- Federally Recognized Tribes
- Colonias
- The area must also have a median household income below the poverty line or less than 80% of the statewide non-metropolitan median household income

## **Eligible Projects**

Grants may be used to pay part of the costs of developing a complete application for USDA Rural Development Water & Waste Disposal direct loan/grant and loan guarantee programs

## **More Information**

<http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-predevelopment-planning-grants>

## ***Funding Source:***

USDA Rural Development

## ***Funding Amount:***

Maximum of \$30,000 or 75% of the predevelopment planning costs

## ***Contact:***

USDA Rural Development  
New York State Office  
441 S. Salina St, Suite 357  
Syracuse, NY 13202  
Main Telephone Number:  
(315) 477-6400  
TDD/Voice Number: 711  
TTY/TDD Only:  
(315) 477-6447

# WATER & WASTE DISPOSAL LOAN & GRANT PROGRAM

## Description

Provides funding for clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and storm water drainage to households and businesses in eligible rural areas.

## Eligible Recipients

- Rural areas and towns with fewer than 10,000 people
- Most State and local governmental entities
- Private non-profits
- Federally-recognized Tribes
- Colonias

## Eligible Activities

Funds may be used to finance the acquisition, construction or improvement of:

- Drinking water sourcing, treatment, storage and distribution
- Sewer collection, transmission, treatment and disposal
- Solid waste collection, disposal and closure
- Storm water collection, transmission and disposal

## More Information

<http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-loan-grant-program>

## *Funding Source:*

USDA Rural Development

## *Funding Amount:*

Varies

## *Contact:*

Scott Collins

Acting State Director

(315) 477-6400

The Galleries of Syracuse

441 South Salina Street

Suite 357

Syracuse, NY 13202-2541

[www.rd.usda.gov/ny](http://www.rd.usda.gov/ny)

# WATER & WASTE DISPOSAL GRANTS TO ALLEVIATE HEALTH RISKS ON TRIBAL LANDS AND COLONIAS

## **Description**

This program, provides access to safe reliable drinking water and waste disposal facilities and services to low-income communities that face significant health risks.

## **Eligible Recipients**

- Rural areas and towns with fewer than 10,000 people
- State and local governmental entities serving eligible areas
- Non-profit organizations
- Utility districts serving Colonias
- Federally Recognized Tribes

## **Eligible Projects**

Construction of basic drinking water and waste disposal systems including storm drainage.

## **More Information**

<http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-grants-alleviate-health-risks-tribal-lands-and-colonias>

## ***Funding Source:***

USDA Rural Development

## ***Funding Amount:***

Varies

## ***Contact:***

USDA Rural Development  
New York State Office

441 S. Salina St, Suite 357  
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# SEARCH - SPECIAL EVALUATION ASSISTANCE FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES AND HOUSEHOLDS

## Description

This program helps very small, financially distressed rural communities extend and improve water and waste treatment facilities that serve local households and businesses. Good practices can save tax dollars, improve the natural environment, and help manufacturers and businesses to locate or expand operations.

## Eligible Recipients

- Rural areas not in a city or town
- Populations of 2,500 or less
- The area must also have a median household income below the poverty line or less than 80% of the statewide non-metropolitan median household income based on latest Census data.
- Most State and local governmental entities
- Non-profits
- Federally Recognized Tribes

## Eligible Projects

To pay predevelopment planning costs, including:

- Feasibility studies to support applications for funding water or waste disposal projects
- Preliminary design and engineering analysis
- Technical assistance for the development of an application for financial assistance

## More Information

<http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/search-special-evaluation-assistance-rural-communities-and-households>

### **Funding Source:**

USDA Rural Development

### **Funding Amount:**

Varies

### **Contact:**

Scott Collins  
Acting State Director  
(315) 477-6400  
The Galleries of Syracuse  
441 South Salina Street  
Suite 357  
Syracuse, NY 13202-2541  
[www.rd.usda.gov/ny](http://www.rd.usda.gov/ny)



# ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION LOCAL GRANTS PROGRAM

## Description

The purpose of the Environmental Education Local Grants Program is to support locally-focused environmental education projects that increase public awareness and knowledge about environmental issues, and provide the skills that participants in its funded projects need to make informed environmental decisions and take responsible actions toward the environment.

## Eligible Recipients

- Any local education agency, college or university, state education or environmental agency
- Nonprofit organization Section 501(C)(3)
- Noncommercial educational broadcasting entity as defined and licensed by Federal Communications Commission

## Eligible Projects

- EE Capacity Building
- Educational Advancement
- Community Projects
- Human Health and the Environment
- EE Teaching Skills
- Career Development

## More Information

<https://www.epa.gov/education/environmental-education-ee-grants>

### ***Funding Source:***

US EPA

### ***Funding Amount:***

No more than \$91,000 in federal funds

### ***Deadline:***

Varies

### ***Contact:***

EEgrants@epa.gov

# GREEN SCHOOL GRANT PROGRAM

## **Description**

This public and private schools grant is intended as startup money for recycling and waste reduction programs.

## **Eligible Recipients**

All public and private schools in NY State. If you have already received this grant previously, you are not eligible to apply.

## **Eligible Projects**

Rejuvenation of existing programs or the development of new programs with a focus of reducing, reusing and recycling.

## **More Information**

<http://www.nysar3.org/page/green-school-grant-program-16.html>

### ***Funding Source:***

New York State  
Association for  
Reduction, Reuse &  
Recycling, Inc.

### ***Funding Amount:***

\$500

### ***Deadline:***

Biannually;  
announcements  
made in the spring  
with a deadline of  
Earth Day (4/22),  
and announcements  
made in the fall with a  
deadline of NY/America  
Recycles Day (11/15)

### ***Contact:***

Lisa Ruggero  
[nysar3@gmail.com](mailto:nysar3@gmail.com)

# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE STATE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

## **Description**

NYS DEC is authorized to provide state assistance to municipalities attempting to reduce and more responsibly handle household hazardous waste.

## **Eligible Recipients**

Municipalities

## **Eligible Projects**

NYS DEC is authorized to provide State assistance for HHW collection days, and construction of permanent HHW collection facilities in order to provide a safe alternative for recycling or disposal of household hazardous materials.

## **More Information**

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/4776.html>

## ***Funding Source:***

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

## ***Funding Amount:***

50% rate for eligible costs

## ***Contact:***

(518) 402-8678  
Division of Materials Management, Bureau of Permitting & Planning  
NYS DEC  
625 Broadway  
Albany, NY 12233-7260

# THE DOS LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY GRANT PROGRAM

## Description

The Local Government Efficiency (LGE) Grant Program was established by the 2005-2006 New York State Budget to provide technical assistance and competitive grants to two or more units of local government for the development of projects that will achieve savings and improve municipal efficiency through shared services, cooperative agreements, mergers, consolidations, and dissolutions.

## Eligible Recipients

Municipalities, including BOCES, water & wastewater districts.

- High Priority Planning Grants are for a maximum of \$50,000 • School Districts
- Libraries • General Efficiency Planning Grants are for \$25,000 for the first two municipalities with an additional \$1,000 for every additional municipality up to a maximum of \$35,000 • Efficiency Implementation Grants not to exceed \$200,000 per municipality involved in the application up to a maximum of \$1,000,000.
- 21st Century Demonstration Project Grants shall not exceed \$400,000 per municipality involved in the application.

## Eligible Projects

- Government reorganization
- General government projects
- Sanitation projects
- School district reorganization
- Reuse plan for vacant school buildings
- "Smart Growth" projects • Utility projects • Public Safety projects
- Transportation projects • Water projects • Education projects

## More Information

<http://www.dos.ny.gov/lg/lge/grant.html>

### **Funding Source:**

NYS Department of State (DOS)

### **Funding Amount:**

Up to \$200,000 per project. Multiple grants may be awarded to the same municipality for different projects.

### **Deadline:** Recurring

### **Contact:** Kyle Wilber

Program Manager  
(518) 473-3355  
LGEprogram@  
dos.state.ny.us  
NYS DOS  
Division of Local  
Government Services,  
RFA #12-LGE-17  
One Commerce Plaza  
99 Washington  
Avenue, Suite 1015  
Albany, NY 12231

# MUNICIPAL WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING PROGRAM (MWR&R)

## Description

The NYS DEC is authorized to provide state assistance to municipalities attempting to reduce waste and increase recycling.

## Eligible Recipients

Municipalities

## Eligible Projects

- Capital Projects - NYS DEC is authorized to provide State assistance for projects that enhance municipal recycling infrastructure through purchasing of equipment or construction of facilities. Some communities used funding to construct materials recycling facilities or state-of-the-art composting facilities. Other communities have been able to purchase recycling containers and new recycling vehicles with their MWR&R funding.
- Recycling Coordinators - NYS DEC is authorized to provide State assistance for Recycling Coordinator salaries and for public education programs conducted by municipalities. This funding can help expand local recycling and waste reduction programs and increase participation.

### **Funding Source:**

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC)

### **Funding Amount:**

Varies with project type

### **Contact:**

(518) 402-8678  
Division of Materials Management, Bureau of Permitting & Planning  
NYS DEC  
625 Broadway  
Albany, NY 12233-7260

## More Information

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/4776.html>

## INDUSTRIAL FINANCE PROGRAM (IFP)

### Description

The Industrial Finance Program (IFP) assists clients in managing their wastes, controlling pollution, building and improving drinking water, waste water and solid waste facilities, and complying with environmental regulations. IFP low-cost loans are financed through proceeds of special obligation revenue bonds issued by Environmental Facilities Corporations and are backed by the credit of the borrower.

### Eligible Recipients

Public and private entities

### Eligible Projects

- Purchase of land
- Project design and engineering
- Construction or acquisition of project facilities, including buildings
- Equipment purchase and installation
- Appurtenant facilities
- Other capital costs
- Legal fees and other related costs

### More Information

<http://www.nysefc.org/Default.aspx?tabid=135>

### **Funding Source:**

Environmental Facilities Corporation

### **Funding Amount:**

Varies

### **Contact:**

Brian McClintock  
Finance Manager  
(518) 402-6924  
[Info@efc.ny.gov](mailto:Info@efc.ny.gov)

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES GRANTS

## Description

Available for economic development initiatives and projects that create or retain jobs, generate increased economic activity and improve the economic and social viability and vitality of local communities.

## Eligible Recipients

- For-profit businesses
- Not-for-profit corporations
- Business improvement districts
- Local development corporations
- Public benefit corporations (including industrial development agencies)
- Economic development organizations
- Research and academic institutions
- Incubators
- Technology parks
- Municipalities
- Counties
- Regional planning councils
- Tourist attractions
- Community facilities

## Eligible Projects

- Acquisition or leasing of land, buildings, machinery and/or equipment
- Acquisition of existing business and/or assets
- Demolition and environmental remediation
- New construction, renovation or leasehold improvements
- Acquisition of furniture and fixtures
- Planning and feasibility studies
- Site and infrastructure development
- Inventory • Training • Soft costs • Working capital
- Marketing and advertising

## More Information

<http://esd.ny.gov/businessprograms/econdevpurposesgrants.html>

## **Funding Source:**

NYS Empire State Development (ESD)

## **Funding Amount:**

Varies. May be loan or grant.

## **Contact:**

(518) 292-5200  
625 Broadway  
Albany, NY 12207

(716) 846-8200  
95 Perry Street, Suite 500  
Buffalo, NY 14203

# GRANT PROGRAM FOR NY COLLEGES

## Description

This grant program enables institutional members of the organization's College Council to receive support for innovative projects focused on "initiating, improving, or expanding source reduction, reuse, or recycling programs on campus."

## Eligible Recipients

College Council members

## Eligible Projects

Projects that promote awareness, interest, and participation among the campus community, are modeled such that they are adaptable to other colleges and universities and provide an educational component.

## More Information

[www.nysar3.org/page/new-grant-program-for-ny-colleges-28.html](http://www.nysar3.org/page/new-grant-program-for-ny-colleges-28.html)

### **Funding Source:**

New York State  
Association for Reduction,  
Reuse & Recycling (NYSAR<sup>3</sup>)

### **Funding Amount:**

Up to \$5,000

### **Note:**

College Council membership has many benefits, and you may apply for membership by contacting the state coordinator (information under "Contact"). Recipient announcements occur at the recycling conference in Cooperstown, NY.

### **Deadline:**

Yearly in the Fall, but applications are accepted after April 15.

### **Contact:**

Lorinda Hill  
(845) 574-4524  
lhill@sunyrockland.edu  
Chair, NYSAR<sup>3</sup>  
College Council Committee



# NEW YORK STATE POLLUTION PREVENTION INSTITUTE COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

## Description

Provides support for projects that raise awareness and understanding and lead to implementation of pollution prevention practices and/or behaviors at the local level with the goal of improving the health, environmental quality, and economic vitality of New York State communities.

## Eligible Recipients

To be eligible for a Community Grant, organizations must have non-profit status and be based in New York State. Eligible organizations may include, but are not limited to:

- Organizations with a focus in environmental, public health, or occupational health protection, health centers
- Academic institutions, neighborhood associations, environmental justice organizations
- Community development corporations, local unions and labor organizations

## Eligible Projects

- Increase awareness, understanding and/or lead to implementation of pollution prevention practices and/or behaviors at the community or municipal level
- Project examples: training or public education workshops; demonstration projects; implementation of a new policy, technology, or practice; creation and dissemination of brochures, videos or a website

## More Information

<https://www.rit.edu/affiliate/nysp2i/community-grants-program>

### **Funding Source:**

NYS Pollution Prevention Institute through NYS DEC

### **Funding Amount:**

Varies, up to \$20,000/year

### **Contact:**

(585) 475-2399  
nysp2icgp@rit.edu  
New York State Pollution Prevention Institute  
Attention: Community Grants Program  
111 Lomb Memorial Drive  
Bldg 78, Room 2000  
Rochester, NY 14623

# KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL AND WASTE MANAGEMENT THINK GREEN GRANTS

## **Description**

In an effort to encourage local solutions showcasing environmental stewardship and community improvement efforts, Waste Management and Keep America Beautiful join forces in support of creative community projects.

## **Eligible Recipients**

KAB certified affiliates in good standing, State Recycling Organizations and KAB partner organizations are eligible to apply.

## **Eligible Projects**

Grants will be awarded to the best proposals that show:

- Creative and/or comprehensive concepts for beautification, litter prevention or waste reduction projects
- Evidence of sustainability of the project after grant funding terminates
- Use of partnerships to leverage the scope, size and duration of the project

## ***Funding Source:***

Keep America Beautiful and Waste Management

## ***Funding Amount:***

\$10,000

## ***Deadline:***

Yearly in June

## ***Contact:***

Larry Kaufman  
Keep America Beautiful  
(203) 659-3014  
lkaufman@kab.org

## **More Information**

<https://www.kab.org/>

# STATE GIVING PROGRAM

## Description

The Walmart Foundation strives to provide opportunities that improve the lives of individuals in the communities they serve, including our customers and associates. Through financial contributions, in-kind donations and volunteerism, the Walmart Foundation supports initiatives in these communities. The foundation awards grants starting at \$25,000 to nonprofit organizations that serve a particular state or region. The State Giving Program invests in all 50 states, Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico.

## Eligible Recipients

Non-profit organizations

## Eligible Projects

- Educational
- Hunger Relief and Healthy Eating
- Women's economic empowerment
- Career opportunity
- Job skills training
- Environmental sustainability
- Health and wellness

Programs that do not align with these subjects will still be given full consideration.

## More Information

<http://foundation.walmart.com/apply-for-grants/state-giving>

### **Funding Source:**

The Walmart Foundation, Inc.

### **Funding Amount:**

Grants range from \$25,000- \$250,000

### **Deadline:**

There are two application cycles for each state

### **Contact:**

Julie Gehrki  
Senior Manager  
1-800-530-9925  
Walmart

# PROJECT LEARNING TREE GREENWORKS! GRANT

## **Description**

GreenWorks! is the service-learning, community action program of PLT that partners PLT educators, students, and communities in environmental neighborhood improvement projects. GreenWorks! blends service activities with the academic curriculum and addresses real community needs as students “learn by doing.” GreenWorks! action projects make a difference in young people’s sense of responsibility toward their communities, and in their understanding of their relationship to the environment.

## **Eligible Recipients**

Applicants must be a school (public or private)

## **Eligible Projects**

Some examples of past grant projects include habitat restoration, watershed improvement, outdoor classrooms, recycling programs, and energy conservation.

## **More Information**

<https://www.plt.org/apply-for-greenworks-environmental-education-grant>

### ***Funding Source:***

Project Learning Tree

### ***Funding Amount:***

\$1,000 Maximum

### ***Deadline:***

September 30, 2016

### ***Contact:***

James McGirt  
(202) 765-3531  
jmcgirt@plt.org

# ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS

## Description

The mission of the foundation is to foster just and sustainable communities in the United States with a core focus on “sustainable environments.” The organizational capacity building grants are aimed at strengthening the organizational capacity of nonprofit organizations.

## Eligible Recipients

Nonprofit organizations

## Eligible Projects

Projects may address issues including, but are not limited to:

- Board/staff development
- Marketing
- Strategic planning
- Strategic restructuring
- Communication
- Energy efficiency
- Sustainable transportation networks
- Urban water management
- Artistic and economic development

## Other/Notes

A letter of inquiry is required to determine if there is a good fit between project proposals and funding priorities.

## More Information

[www.surdna.org/grants/how-to-apply.html](http://www.surdna.org/grants/how-to-apply.html)

### *Funding Source:*

Surdna Foundation, Inc.

### *Funding Amount:*

Varies

### *Contact:*

Phillip Henderson, Pres.  
(212) 557-0010  
330 Madison Ave.  
30th Floor  
New York, NY 10017  
[surdna.org](http://surdna.org)

# KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL (KAB) NATIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM

## **Description**

This is an awards program to honor KAB network affiliates, leading corporate partners and volunteers across the county who have demonstrated commitment to community improvement by delivering more beautiful, cleaner, and improved neighborhoods and public spaces.

## **Eligible Recipients**

There are many categories of awards; some are open to the public while others are only open to KAB affiliates.

## **Eligible Projects**

All programs and projects submitted for consideration must fall within the last 12 months. Each award has specific requirements.

## **More Information**

<https://www.kab.org/news-info/tags/community-grants>

### ***Funding Source:***

Keep America Beautiful

### ***Funding Amount:***

Varies by award

### ***Deadline:***

Yearly, October 1

### ***Contact:***

Alexandra Donovan  
(203) 659-3070  
adonovan@kab.org

## Description

This program ensures that funded research reflects EREF's long-term strategic plan to address all areas of integrated solid waste management, with a strong focus towards research that increased sustainable solid waste management practices. The sustainability movement has reached the business models of nearly every industry in the United States, and many companies, municipalities and states have set aggressive sustainability goals that include how waste streams are being managed.

## Eligible Recipients

- Any US or non-US institutions
- Non-Academic Institutions
- Multiple Institutions

## Eligible Projects

- Waste minimization
- Recycling
- Waste conversion to energy, biofuels, chemicals or other useful products. This includes, but is not limited to, the following technologies:
  - Waste-to-energy
  - Anaerobic digestion
  - Composting
  - Other thermal or biological conversion technologies
- Strategies to promote diversion to higher and better uses (e.g. organics diversion, market analysis, optimized material management, logistics, etc.)
- Landfilling

## More Information

<http://erefdn.org/index.php/grants/proposal>

### ***Funding Source:***

Environmental Research & Education Foundation

### ***Funding Amount:***

From \$15,000 to over \$500,000

### ***Deadline:***

Two per year for pre-proposals: January 6, June 1

### ***Contact:***

(919) 861.6876  
foundation@erefdn.org  
3301 Benson Drive  
Suite 101  
Raleigh, NC 27609

# CIGARETTE LITTER PREVENTION PROGRAM

## Description

This program reduces the amount of cigarette litter by implementing a local Cigarette Litter Prevention Program (CLPP) and educating adult smokers on the proper disposal of their cigarette butts.

## Eligible Recipients

- Affiliates
- Local governments
- Business improvement districts
- Downtown associations
- Parks and recreation areas
- Other organizations dedicated to eradicating litter and beautifying their communities

## *Funding Source:*

Keep America Beautiful

## *Deadline:*

January 1- February 15

## *Contact:*

clpp@kab.org

## Eligible Projects

- Encourage enforcement of litter laws, including cigarette litter
- Raise awareness about the issue using public service messages
- Place ash receptacles at transition points such as entrances to public buildings
- Distribute pocket or portable ashtrays to adult smokers

## More Information

<https://www.kab.org/cigarette-litter-prevention/grant-information>



# NATIONAL CORPORATE GIVING PROGRAM

## Description

Toyota's national corporate giving program supports organizations focused on three main areas: the environment, education and vehicle safety. Toyota also has a strong commitment to strengthening opportunities for diverse and underserved populations, helping during times of disaster, and supporting organizations that meet the needs of local communities across the United States.

## Limitations

Toyota does not make grants for publications, lobbying activities, advertising, capital campaigns or endowments. Individuals are ineligible to apply. Toyota will not make grants to the following types of organizations:

- Those not recognized as charitable by the Internal Revenue Service
- Those that discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, ancestry, age, religion, disability, medical condition, sex or gender (including pregnancy), gender identity and/or expression (including a transgender identity), sexual orientation, marital status, military or veteran status, or any other characteristic protected under applicable federal, state or local law.
- Those that serve only their own memberships, such as fraternal organizations, labor organizations or religious groups
- Political parties or candidates

## More Information

<http://www.toyota.com/usa/community/grant-guidelines-applications>

### *Funding Source:*

Toyota

### *Deadline:*

2016 deadlines TBD

### *Contact:*

ToyotaPhilanthropy@  
Toyota.com

### **Description**

The Foundation is committed to enhancing the quality of education by supporting innovative programs and building partnerships with organizations dedicated to improving the teaching and learning of science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

### **Eligible Recipients**

In order to be eligible, organizations must be classified as a 501(c) (3) public charity by the Internal Revenue Service, be both located within the United States and have a national scope. Additionally, programs requesting funding must focus on education specifically in the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

### **More Information**

[http://www.toyota.com/usa/community/articles/community\\_grants\\_foundation.html](http://www.toyota.com/usa/community/articles/community_grants_foundation.html)

### ***Funding Source:***

Toyota USA Foundation

### ***Funding Amount:***

Except when otherwise indicated, grants, of a minimum of \$50,000 per year, are available to support the development and implementation of programs.

### ***Deadline:***

New deadlines TBD

### ***Contact:***

ToyotaPhilanthropy@  
Toyota.com

## CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAM

### **Description**

The Ford Motor Company Fund is committed to building stronger communities and capacity within the non-profit community to meet increasing needs in many areas.

### **Eligible Projects**

Requests will only be considered to support the existing priorities of the Fund:

- Education
- Automotive safety
- Community needs
- The Arts

For the purposes of this program, the Ford Motor Company Fund defines capital as a physical infrastructure, construction of new and/or renovated space, and related equipment purchases. The Fund will not consider endowment funding as a part of this program. Vehicle purchases will also not be considered.

### **More Information**

<http://corporate.ford.com/company/community.html>

### ***Funding Source:***

Ford Motor Company Fund

### ***Funding Amount:***

The maximum grant amount that can be awarded per organization for any one year will be \$100,000.

### ***Deadline:***

Check website for new deadlines

### ***Contact:***

FordMotor@  
Easymatch.com.

## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CONTACT LIST

In addition to the funding opportunities listed in this guide, these technical assistants are an excellent resource for more information about sustainable materials management funding.

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### WASTE REDUCTION

#### **Grassroots Recycling Network (GRRN)**

GRRN is a national network of waste reduction activists and recycling professionals. GRRN has ambitious standards for Zero Waste goals and policies. They provide opportunities for on-going meaningful participation in campaigns and build coalitions to achieve zero waste policies, businesses, and communities.

**Linda Christopher**  
(707) 321-7883  
linda@grrn.org

PO Box 282  
Cotati, CA 94931  
[grrn.org](http://grrn.org)

#### **EPA – WasteWise**

WasteWise is a free, voluntary EPA program through which organizations eliminate costly municipal solid waste and select industrial wastes, benefiting their bottom line and the environment. WasteWise members can join as partners, endorsers, or both. WasteWise helps its partners meet goals to reduce and recycle municipal solid waste and selected industrial wastes.

**Shane Nelson**  
(212) 637-3130  
nelson.shane@epa.gov

US EPA Region 2  
290 Broadway  
New York, NY 10007-1866

[www.epa.gov/wastes/consERVE/smm/wastewise/about.htm](http://www.epa.gov/wastes/consERVE/smm/wastewise/about.htm)

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### MANAGING ORGANICS: COMPOSTING

#### **Cornell Waste Management Institute (CWMI)**

CWMI is a program in the Department of Crop and Soil Sciences in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell University. CWMI serves the public through research, outreach, training, and technical assistance, with a focus on organic residuals.

**Jean Bonhotal or  
Mary Schwarz**  
(607) 255-8444  
cwmi@cornell.edu

Dept of Crop and Soil Sciences  
817 Bradfield Hall  
Cornell University  
Ithaca, NY 14853

[cwmi.css.cornell.edu](http://cwmi.css.cornell.edu)

## **US Composting Council (USCC)**

The US Composting Council advances composting and promotes compost use to enhance soils and provide economic and environmental benefits for our members and society. The USCC is involved in research, training, public education, composting and compost standards, expansion of compost markets and the enlistment of public support.

1 Comac Loop 14 B1  
Ronkonkoma, NY 11779

(631) 737-4931  
[compostingcouncil.org](http://compostingcouncil.org)

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## **MANAGING ORGANICS: ANAEROBIC DIGESTION**

### **Cornell - Dairy Environmental Systems**

The Cornell Dairy Environmental Systems Program is a multi-disciplinary effort among members of the Cornell PRO-DAIRY and SPEAR programs, which addresses critical aspects of dairy farming and its impact on the environment. The program provides information and tools to dairy farmers and their advisors, which allow farmers to make sound business decisions in production areas that influence air quality, the climate, and water quality. Renewable energy (dairy manure-based anaerobic digestion) is also a major focus area of the program.

**Curt Gooch**  
(607) 255-2088  
cag26@cornell.edu

Cornell University  
Ithaca, NY 14853-5701  
[manuremanagement.cornell.edu](http://manuremanagement.cornell.edu)

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## **RECYCLING**

### **National Recycling Coalition, Inc. (NRC)**

National Recycling Coalition partners with and facilitates activities between and among non-profit organizations, businesses, trade associations, individuals and government to maintain a prosperous and productive American recycling system that is committed to the conservation of natural resources.

**Laura Flagg**  
(202) 618-2107  
laura@nrcrecycles.org  
[nrcrecycles.org](http://nrcrecycles.org)

1220 L ST NW  
Suite 100-155  
Washington, DC 20005

### **New York State Recycling Markets Database**

Empire State Development (ESD) serves as the repository for recycling market information for the State. The intent of this interactive, online database is to help users locate outlets for materials that can be reused, recycled or composted. The database also provides exposure to recycling and reuse businesses and helps end markets for recovered materials in and around New York State access the raw materials they need for production.

**Athena Lee Bradley**  
Northeast Recycling Council  
(802) 254-3636  
athena@nerc.org

info@nerc.org  
[nerc.org](http://nerc.org)

### **Grassroots Recycling Network (GRRN)**

NERC's mission is to advance an environmentally sustainable economy by promoting source and toxicity reduction, recycling, and the purchasing of environmentally preferable products and services. As a regional non-profit organization that works directly with state, regional, and local agencies and the private sector, NERC is unique in the Northeast. It is the only forum for cooperative research, policy development, collaborative action, and program development on source reduction, reuse, recycling, recycling market and business development issues, and environmentally preferable purchasing.

139 Main Street  
Suite 401, Brattleboro, VT 05301

[esd.ny.gov/businessprograms/environmentalassistance.html](http://esd.ny.gov/businessprograms/environmentalassistance.html)

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## **SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS MANAGEMENT**

### **New York State Department of Environmental Conservation**

The Bureau of Solid Waste, Reduction and Recycling is within the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Office of Environmental Quality, Division of Solid and Hazardous Materials. The Bureau administers the regulatory and technical assistance programs for recycling, waste tire and construction and demolition debris facilities; biosolids management; composting and waste transporter permitting. The Bureau also administers financial assistance programs for local government waste reduction and recycling initiatives.

**Peter Pettit**  
Coordinator  
(518) 402-8706  
pmpettit@gw.dec.state.ny.us

Bureau of Waste Reduction  
and Recycling  
625 Broadway, 9th Floor  
Albany, NY 12233-7253

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/294.html>

### **New York State Association for Reduction, Reuse & Recycling**

NYSAR<sup>3</sup> is an organization that provides statewide leadership on waste reduction, reuse and recycling issues and practices to improve the environment. NYSAR<sup>3</sup> is an important information resource for integration, education, and training on all aspects of reduction, reuse and recycling.

## **New York State Association for Reduction, Reuse & Recycling (NYSAR<sup>3</sup>)**

1971 Western Avenue #1180  
Albany, NY 12203

(518) 482-7395  
[nysar3.org](http://nysar3.org)

## **Institute for Local Self Reliance (ILSR)**

The Institute's mission is to provide innovative strategies, working models and timely information to support environmentally sound and equitable community development. To this end, ILSR works with citizens, activists, policymakers and entrepreneurs to design systems, policies and enterprises that meet local or regional needs; to maximize human, material, natural and financial resources; and to ensure that the benefits of these systems and resources accrue to all local citizens.

2001 S Street NW, Ste. 570  
Washington, DC 20009  
[info@ilsr.org](mailto:info@ilsr.org)

(202) 898-1610  
[ilsr.org](http://ilsr.org)

## **Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA)**

SWANA's mission is to advance the practice of environmentally and economically sound management of municipal solid waste in North America. This mission is fulfilled through commitment to education and research.

1100 Wayne Avenue Suite 700  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

1-800-467-9262  
[swana.org](http://swana.org)

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## **REUSE**

### **Reuse Alliance (RA)**

Reuse Alliance is a national nonprofit that is working to increase awareness of reuse by educating the public about its social, environmental and economic benefits. RA builds relationships between individuals and organizations interested in reuse, develops informational resources that increase public awareness and access to the reuse sector's innovative waste prevention service, and provides training that strengthens the capacity for individuals and organizations to reuse our materials resources.

**Harriet Taub**  
[harriet@reusealliance.org](mailto:harriet@reusealliance.org)

(301) 887-3873  
[reusealliance.org](http://reusealliance.org)

### **Finger Lakes Reuse**

Finger Lakes ReUse operates a community-oriented warehouse, shopping, and educational center in which the maximum reuse of materials is a priority, mentoring opportunities are available and education in the skills of repair and reuse is offered.

**Ivan Yalanzhi**

ReUse Center  
Operations Supervisor  
(607) 257-9699  
ivan@fingerlakesreuse.org

802-254-3636

[www.fingerlakesreuse.org](http://www.fingerlakesreuse.org)

### **Buffalo ReUse**

Buffalo ReUse, Inc. is committed to creating an economic and community development program related to deconstruction and re-use that provides quality job and educational opportunities; cross training in the trades, marketing, sales, and small business entrepreneurship; and a community collaboration process that considers both current and future use of our collective land resources.

296 E. Ferry Street  
Buffalo, NY 14208  
(716) 882-2800

[http://www.buffaloreuse.org/  
index.html](http://www.buffaloreuse.org/index.html)







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