



**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
(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

More Information

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

Funding Source:

US EPA

Funding Amount:

Not issuing a request for proposals for the 2017 fiscal year until the EPA receives their budget appropriation.

Contact:

Wanda Ayala
ayala.wanda@epa.gov
or Jennifer May
may.jennifer@epa.gov
US EPA, Region 2
290 Broadway

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 recognized Native American tribes or groups

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:

Maximum grant award --
\$150,000

Deadline:

October 1 - December 31
each year

Contact:

Anita O'Brien
Loan Specialist
(202) 690-3789
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
- Tribes
- Public bodies -- if population is 10,000 or less (special considerations for this rule are regional, multi-state or national areas and lower-income populations).

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.

More Information

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

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

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

<https://www.epa.gov/tribal/grant-programs-tribes>

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

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
Syracuse, NY 13202

Main Telephone Number:
(315) 477-6400

TDD/Voice Number: 711

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(315) 477-6447

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

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

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/chemical/105608.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

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, New York 12207

(716) 846-8200
95 Perry Street, Suite 500
Buffalo, New York 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

Funding Source:

New York State
Association for Reduction,
Reuse & Recycling (NYSAR³)

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, NYSAR³
College Council Committee

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 can either be schools or youth organizations that have attended a Project Learning Tree (PLT) workshop.

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

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

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

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
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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

<https://erefdn.org/research-grants-projects/how-to-apply-for-grant/>

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:

Varies depending on program, typically May 1 or December 1.

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

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:

Applications accepted year-round

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.

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
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Cotati, CA 94931
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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
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US EPA Region 2
290 Broadway
New York, NY 10007-1866

www.epa.gov/wastes/consERVE/smm/wastewise/about.htm

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**
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cwmi@cornell.edu

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

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

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.

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manuremanagement.cornell.edu

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

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
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info@nerc.org
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

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.

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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

NYSAR³ is an organization that provides statewide leadership on waste reduction, reuse and recycling issues and practices to improve the environment. NYSAR³ 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 (NYSAR³)

1971 Western Avenue #1180
Albany, NY 12203

(518) 482-7395
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

(202) 898-1610
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

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

(301) 887-3873
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
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802-254-3636

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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