

LITTER CONTROL GRANT PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Applying for a Matching Grant for a Local Litter Control Program



West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection Rehabilitation Environmental Action Plan Grant Program

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NOTICE

General Information:

Grant applications are to be typed. Handwritten applications will not be accepted.

Litter Control Officers:

Applicants requesting funding for litter control officer wages must provide a copy of the certificate of completed training from the WV DEP Litter Control Officer course. Instructions on registering and a link to the Online Learning Course can be found at <https://dep.wv.gov/environmental-advocate/reap/sop/Pages/default.aspx>.

Bidding Requirements Between \$5,000 and \$10,000:

The grant recipient shall solicit a minimum of three verbal bids for all purchases which have an estimated value between five thousand dollars (\$5,000) and ten thousand dollars (\$10,000). Screen prints from internet sites in which the commodity or service is for sale and may be procured can substitute for a verbal bid. All bids must be recorded on the Verbal Bid Summary form, submitted to the Department, and retained in the grant recipient's file.

Bidding Requirements Over \$10,000.00

Grantees shall solicit sealed bids by public notice as a Class II legal advertisement for all purchases using grant funds, either in part or in whole, that have an estimated cost of over \$10,000.00. This includes the estimated cost for similar supply orders purchased at various times throughout the grant cycle. Bid packets must be submitted to REAP prior to purchase for approval. If no bids are received during your advertised period, you must contact REAP for further instructions before proceeding.

Liens:

Please note that grant funding for equipment purchases over \$1,000 will be required to have a security lien placed upon the equipment. If applicable, the equipment to be titled must have WV DEP REAP listed as first lien holder. All equipment will be subject to on-site inspections for a period of five years or a period determined appropriate by the WV DEP.

Submittal/Contact Information:

Applications must be submitted using the wvOASIS Vendor Self Service Portal located at: <https://prd311.wvoasis.gov/PRDVSS1X1ERP/Advantage4>. No other form of submission will be accepted. The deadline to submit applications is May 31 to be eligible for the next award cycle.

Contact Information:

For questions concerning the application/grant process, contact the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection's Litter Control Grants Unit at 1-800-322-5530.

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
LITTER CONTROL GRANT
BOOKLET

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**TITLE 33
LEGISLATIVE RULE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
WASTE MANAGEMENT**

**SERIES 41
AWARDING OF MATCHING GRANTS FOR LOCAL
LITTER CONTROL PROGRAMS**

§33-41-1. General.

1.1. Scope. – This rule sets out guidelines and procedures for providing matching assistance grants to counties and municipalities for the initiation and administration of litter control programs.

1.2. Authority. – W. Va. Code § 22-15A-3(f).

1.3. Filing Date. -- April 17, 2017.

1.4. Effective Date. -- June 1, 2017.

1.5. Former Rules. – This legislative rule replaces 58CSR6, “Awarding of Matching Grants for Local Litter Control Programs”, to reflect that responsibility for this program transferred from the Division of Natural Resources to the Department of Environmental Protection through W. Va. Code § 22-15-3.

§33-41-2. Definitions.

Unless the context dictates otherwise, the following words and their meanings as used in this rule are defined below.

2.1. “Applicant” means the local government applying for a grant.

2.2. “Application” means the written request submitted to the Secretary by the applicant on forms provided by the Secretary.

2.3. “Cooperative Program” means a program involving two or more local governments and coordinated by one of the participating local governments.

2.4. “Coordinator” means the individual who is responsible for coordinating the implementation and administration of a cooperative program.

2.5. “Department” means the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection.

2.6. “Grant” means matching grant funds allocated to an approved program applicant by the Department pursuant to W. Va. Code § 22-15A-3(f).

2.7. “Grantee” means the entity to whom a grant has been awarded.

2.8. “Grant Period” means July 1 of one calendar year through June 30 of the subsequent calendar year.

2.9. “In-kind Services” means any personnel, equipment, supplies or other items for a local litter control program supplied or obtained by the applicant with funds or by methods other than the use of any other grant moneys.

2.10. “Litter” means all waste material including, but not limited to, any garbage, refuse, trash, disposable package, container, can, bottle, paper, covered electronic devices, ashes, cigarette or cigar butt, carcass of any dead animal or any part thereof, or any other offensive or unsightly matter, but not including the wastes of primary processes of mining, logging, sawmilling, farming, or manufacturing.

2.11. “Litter Control Fund” means the fund created pursuant to W. Va. Code § 22-15A-4(c).

2.12. “Local Government” means any unit of local government within the State, including a county, county board of education, municipality, and any other authority, board, commission, district, office, public authority, public corporation or other instrumentality of a county, county board of education or municipality or any combination of two or more local governments.

2.13. “Local Litter Control Program” means a program sponsored by a local government for the purposes stated in its application.

2.14. “Recycle” means the process by which recovered products are transformed into new products and includes the collection, separation, recovery, processing, and marketing or reuse of that new product.

2.15. “Resolution” means a resolution adopted by a local government that authorizes the creation of a local litter control program.

2.16. “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection or his or her designee.

§33-41-3. Applicability.

3.1. Grants may be used by eligible local governments, singly or in cooperative groups, in a local litter control program.

3.2. The Secretary shall award grants for a period not to exceed one year. Subsequent grants may be obtained by a grantee through submission of a revised application to the Department, so long as all objectives of the current grant have been completed to the satisfaction of the Secretary.

3.3. The Secretary shall award grants on a one-to-one matching basis. For each dollar budgeted by an applicant for a local litter control program, the Department shall award up to one dollar (\$1.00) in matching grant funds upon approval of the application. The Department reserves the right to limit the amount of a grant in accordance with the amount of money in the Litter Control Fund available for distribution as matching grants.

3.4. Grant awards are limited to a maximum amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

3.5. Applications must be postmarked no later than May 31 for consideration in the next grant period.

§33-41-4. In-kind Services.

4.1. The Department shall give credit for in-kind services when determining the amount of local government funding to be matched by a grant.

4.2. The Department shall value volunteer services at the minimum hourly wage unless the applicant can demonstrate that the services would normally be valued above that wage in the area served by the applicant's program.

4.3. The Department shall value donated equipment at its fair market value prorated over the life of the grant.

§33-41-5. Authorized Uses Of Grant Funds.

5.1. A grantee may use a grant for the initiation, continuation or expansion of a local litter control program.

5.2. Authorized uses of grant funds in an approved local litter control program may include the following:

5.2.a. Enforcement of anti-litter statutes;

5.2.b. Expenses incurred in traveling to Department-sponsored or approved workshops, conferences or other meetings;

5.2.c. Implementation and administration of the approved litter control program;

5.2.d. Implementation of local litter cleanup campaigns;

5.2.e. Public informational and educational programs, such as those which increase public awareness or solicit public support in promoting citizen responsibility toward reducing litter;

5.2.f. Purchase of equipment which will specifically serve to fulfill litter control program objectives;

5.2.g. Research or development of local solid waste recycling programs;

5.2.h. Surveys and evaluation studies made for the purpose of identifying and prioritizing local littering problems;

5.2.i. Costs associated with razing abandoned buildings or other structures which are unsightly or offensive and promote possible health hazards; and

5.2.j. Other relevant items upon the approval of the Secretary.

§33-41-6. Unauthorized Uses of Grant Funds.

6.1. Grants shall not be used in any way to replace local funds currently budgeted or being used to maintain and operate a local litter control program during the grant period.

6.2. Grants shall not be used for expenditures not related to litter prevention, elimination or control.

6.3. Grants shall not be used for the following:

6.3.a. To fund beautification projects such as landscaping (tree or shrub purchases) or the removal of roadside vegetation;

6.3.b. To purchase lawn, tree or shrub maintenance equipment;

6.3.c. To purchase equipment routinely used to collect or transport solid waste;

6.3.d. To fund landfill operations or management;

6.3.e. To buy office furniture or equipment or to decorate or renovate an office; or

6.3.f. To pay for professional consultation or production in the development of litter control films, slide shows or similar programs.

§33-41-7. Reporting Requirements.

7.1. The grantee shall submit a final performance and accounting report for approval on or before July 31 of the year the grant ends. The report shall include the following:

7.1.a. An evaluation of accomplishments in implementing the original proposal's work tasks;

7.1.b. An accounting of in-kind services provided;

7.1.c. An accounting of grant funds expended;

7.1.d. Evidence supporting in-kind services and grant expenditures; and

7.1.e. An analysis of and evidence supporting the amount of litter collected or material recycled during the period.

§33-41-8. Grant Withdrawal and Penalty.

8.1. The Department reserves the right to withdraw a grant upon determination of the grantee's unsatisfactory compliance with either this rule or the specifications in the application.

8.2. The Department may cancel a grant in the event a grantee fails to commence litter control program activities within 90 days after receiving a notice of award from the Department.

8.3. A grantee is responsible for the reimbursement to the Department the total sum of a grant not properly used or accounted for pursuant to this rule. The total sum constitutes a debt owed by the applicant or its successors or assignees by appropriate legal action. At its option, the Department may proceed against any local government participating in a cooperative program for the total sum owed by the applicant or its successors or assignees, or may hold each local government participating in a cooperative program individually liable to the State of West Virginia for its pro rata share of the total liability.

8.4. The Department reserves the right to conduct an on-site inspection or audit of a grantee's litter control program records during or after the grant period for a period of three years.

8.5. Applicants and grantees shall be in compliance with all federal, State, and local laws, codes, ordinances, rules, and regulations in order to be eligible for a grant. The Department reserves the right to deny applications or withhold funding from grantees failing to comply with this subsection.

§33-41-9. Unexpended Funds.

9.1. All unexpended funds remaining at the end of the grant period shall be returned to the Department.

SUBMISSION INFORMATION

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