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SWIFR GRANT

Help Shape Kentucky's Recycling & Waste Management Future

- Whether you're a waste management professional, an industry leader, or a concerned citizen, **your voice is vital in shaping Kentucky's future approach to sustainable materials and waste management.** These facilitated conversations for each Area Development District (ADD) will guide the creation of Kentucky's new plans, ensuring they're comprehensive, effective, and beneficial for all Kentuckians.
- Learn more about this effort at:
<https://blueprintkentucky.ca.uky.edu/ky-mat-mgmt-planning>

SWIFR GRANT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETING SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER

3rd – Bluegrass ADD

Fayette County Extension Office

9th – Buffalo Trace ADD

Mason County Extension Office

10th – Northern KY ADD

Grant County Extension Office

24th – Purchase ADD

Graves County Extension Office

25th – Pennyrile ADD

Christian County Extension Office

OCTOBER

7th – Green River ADD

Daviess County Extension Office

8th – Barren River ADD

Warren County Extension Office

16th – City of Louisville

Jefferson County Extension Office

22nd - FIVCO

Carter County Extension Office

29th – KIPDA ADD

KIPDA ADD Office

SWIFR GRANT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETING SCHEDULE CONT.

NOVEMBER

4th – Big Sandy ADD

Floyd County Extension Office

5th – Kentucky River ADD

Perry County Extension Office

18th – Cumberland Valley ADD

Clay County Extension Office

DECEMBER

2nd – Lake Cumberland ADD

Russell County Extension Office



ALL SESSIONS WILL BE FROM 1:00 – 4:00 P.M.

Register through the QR Code or the website listed on previous slide.

DWM GRANT PROGRAMS

- Our Division works with counties on their Solid Waste Management Plans but also with the following eight grant programs:

Litter Abatement



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Illegal Open Dump



DWM GRANT PROGRAMS CONT.

Recycling



Household Hazardous Waste



Composting



DWM GRANT PROGRAMS CONT.

Crumb Rubber/Tire Derived Products



\$4,000 Waste Tire



Rubber Modified Asphalt



DWM GRANT FUNDING

Funding is as follows:

- Litter Abatement Grant – Calendar Year
Funding: \$5M transfer of funds from
Trans. Cab. – HB 174 in 2002

(Available to Counties and Cities only)

- Illegal Open Dump – 14-month (Jan. – Feb.)
Funding: \$1.75 tipping fee – SB 50 in
2006

(Available to Counties only)

DWM GRANT FUNDING CONT.

- Recycling, Household Hazardous Waste (HHW), Composting Grants – Fiscal Year

Funding: \$1.75 tipping fee – SB 50
in 2006

(Available to counties, waste management, districts, cities, urban county government, or other political subdivision of the state or any combination including schools/school districts.)

DWM GRANT FUNDING CONT.

The following grants are funded through the Waste Tire Fund (\$2.00 fee for each new tire)

- Crumb Rubber/Tire Derived Products Grant (established in 2004) – 7-month grant

(Available to private entities, owners of commercial entities operating in Kentucky, public and private school districts, county and city governments, entities operating public parks, and state agencies.)

DWM GRANT FUNDING CONT.

- \$4,000 Waste Tire Grant – Fiscal Year
(established in 2014 – was \$3,000 from
2011 – 2013)

(Available to Counties only.)

- Rubber Modified Asphalt Grant – 7 month
(established in 2016)

(Available to Counties only.)

GRANTS TIMELINE

| GRANTS | APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE | DEADLINE TO APPLY | FUNDING AWARDED | GRANT ENDS | REPORTING DEADLINE | GRANT PERIOD | CONTACT |
|--|---|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Crumb Rubber - Tire Derived Product Grant | *February 1 | *April 1 | *May 15 | *December 31 | *January 31 | 7 month grant | Lisa Evans (502) 782-6355 |
| Illegal Open Dump Grant | *August 1 | *November 1 | *January 1 | *February 28 (following year) | *March 31 | 14 month grant | Lisa Evans (502) 782-6355 |
| Litter Abatement Grant (Counties) | *August 1 | *November 1 | *January 1 | *December 31 | *March 1 (included in Annual Report) | 12 month grant (Calendar year) | Lisa Evans (502) 782-6355 |
| Litter Abatement Grant (Cities) | *August 1 | *November 1 | *January 1 | *December 31 | *February 1 (Form 4900) | 12 month grant (Calendar year) | Lisa Evans (502) 782-6355 |
| Recycling, HHW, Composting Grants | *January 1 | *April 1 | *June 15 | *June 30 following year | *July 15 | 12 month grant (Fiscal Year) | Ty Collins (502) 782-0865 |
| Rubber Modified Asphalt Grant | *February 1 | *April 1 | *June 1 | *December 31 | *January 31 | 7 month grant | Jon Durbin (502) 782-6863 |
| Waste Tire Direct Grant | *June 1 | *July 1 | **August 1 | *June 30 following year | *July 15 following year | 12 month grant (Fiscal Year) | Jenny Carr (502) 782-4663 |
| Quarterly Reports (Recycling & Composting Grants) | *October 15 | *January 15 | *April 15 | *July 15 | | | Ty Collins (502) 782-0865 |
| | **Funding award date is dependent on closeout of previous years grant. | | | | | | |

IF THE DUE DATE FALLS ON A WEEKEND, THE DATE WILL BE MOVED TO THE FOLLOWING MONDAY

LITTER ABATEMENT GRANT

- The 2026 Litter Abatement Grant Applications were sent out on July 30, 2025, and are due back by close of business on Monday, November 3, 2025, due to November 1st being on the weekend.
- ***REMEMBER TO EMAIL THE APPLICATION TO ME – DO NOT MAIL***
- Funding is calculated after the November 3rd deadline with checks going out in mid-December for calendar year 2026.

RELEASE OF APPLICATIONS

- Application packets were sent by email to the County Judge/Executives, 109 Board Chairs and Solid Waste Coordinators.
- Cities were notified through an email blast from the Kentucky League of Cities. KLC also creates a page on their website with all the information and forms.
- The attachments are part of that grant packet so make sure to read the letter (which changes yearly) and attachments.

ACCEPTING THE APPLICATION

- To accept the grant (which includes the attachments)

COUNTY - The one-page agreement is to be signed by the ***head of the governing body***.

CITY – The one-page agreement is to be signed by the ***head of the governing body*** and the city must also provide a copy of the solid waste ordinance or solid waste contract with a hauler.

LITTER ABATEMENT GRANT CONT.

- *The grant is to be used for the cleanup of litter along the public roadways and the education thereof.*
- Counties/cities are to clean the total amount of miles in your county/city or get as close as possible. The percentages are very low, but spending is very high.
- The Statute states that any Litter Abatement Grant funding that is returned must be included in the allocation of the next grant cycle.

FUNDING AND ELIGIBILITY

- This grant is only available to counties and incorporated cities that provide garbage collection service by ordinance or other means. ***The litter abatement grant does not require a match.***
- **It is a calendar year grant.**
- If a city in a county ***does not*** apply for the Litter Abatement Grant, the funding the city would have received stays with the county and the county is responsible to clean the city streets per 401 KAR 49.080 Section 4(2).

GRANT CALCULATION

➤ **County funding is based on**

- 1) county's miles of public roads (***includes state roads and interstates***);
- 2) County's rural population;
- 3) County's total population

➤ **Cities may apply for a portion of the county funding based on**

- 1) city's total miles of streets (***includes state roads and interstates within the city limits***)
- 2) City's population county is responsible to clean the city streets per 401 KAR 49.080 Section 4(2).

LITTER PROGRAM SUMMARY

2003 - 2024

The figures below are from 2003 (first cycle of grants issued) through 2024.

AMOUNT CLEANED

13,457,298 Bags

AMOUNT SPENT

\$174,975,673

MILES CLEANED

3,780,516.45

Still a low percentage on the number of miles cleaned in a lot of counties.

REPORTING LITTER GRANT EXPENDITURES

- Counties report their litter abatement expenditures on their annual report which is due to our office by March 1st of each year. There is a section within the annual report for your figures (Section 14). There is no other form required from the counties.
- The cities report their litter abatement grant expenditures directly to RLA on a form provided to the cities. This is due by February 1st of each year.

EXPENDITURES

- **COUNTY/CITY WORKER** – Hourly wage plus benefits **ONLY** while picking up litter.
- **SUPPLIES** – Bags, gloves, pick-up sticks, vests, bug spray. Additional purchases upon approval from my office by making a phone call or sending an email to me.
- **WATER/SODA** – for the inmates/volunteers while they are picking up litter

EXPENDITURES CONT.

- **VEHICLE** – based on FEMA rate which includes fuel and maintenance. You ***cannot*** charge fuel and maintenance to the grant.
- **TRAILER** – based on FEMA hourly rate.
- **MEALS** – if purchased for the inmates/volunteers ONLY while picking up litter. ***You cannot charge off the meals provided by the jail for the inmates to take with them on work detail.***

EXPENDITURES CONT.

- **DUMPSTER** – You can pay for a dumpster to dispose of litter bags ONLY.
- **VOLUNTEERS** – You can provide supplies, water and meals for volunteers. If these items are furnished by someone else (i.e. East KY PRIDE), you cannot claim it on the litter abatement grant.
- **Again we can review other items on a case by case basis --- just call our office prior to the purchase.**

EXAMPLES OF SOME **NON-ALLOWABLE** EXPENDITURES

- Providing a dumpster at a location and letting the citizens bring their trash to the location.
- Going through the city or county and picking up items that residents have set at the end of their driveways.
- City-wide cleanups.
- County-wide cleanups.

AUDITS AND SPOT CHECKS

- Random spot checks and full audits will be conducted annually.
- Positive feedback has been received for previous spot checks and full audits.
- When a county or city has been chosen for a spot check, they will need to provide copies of expenditures up to that point of the year.

AUDITS AND SPOT CHECKS CONT.

- When a county or city has been chosen for an audit, they will need to provide all expenditures for the previous year (receipts for disposal, supplies and educational material; copy of checks for expenditures; copy of contracts; and documentation for trash to cash programs).
- Notifications of spot checks will be one week in advance. An audit notification will be two weeks in advance.

ROAD MILES

REMEMBER – try to clean the equivalent of all the road miles in your county/city or close to them.

FYI – Get with your state DOT to get the number of miles they clean in regard to Adopt A Highway and also the interstates in your county. They can provide you with the number of miles and bags for both of these.

TRASH FOR CASH GUIDELINES

- “Trash for Cash” programs can provide funding to non-profit groups to collect litter along roadways. The Division has developed guidelines for cities or counties that fund “Trash for Cash” programs using the Kentucky Litter Abatement Grant.
- Those guidelines were sent out with the packets and can also be found on our website.

TRASH FOR CASH PROGRAM SUMMARY

- The Trash for Cash Program has been very successful for some counties.
- Just remember to provide plenty of safety to these groups and to also go through training on what to pick up and not to pick up during the event.

EDUCATION MATERIALS

A portion of the grant can be used to purchase educational materials to hand out at county/city festivals; county fairs; environmental educational; at environmental events; or special events within the county.

We highly recommend not to spend over 20% of your grant amount on educational materials since the purpose of the grant is to keep the roads cleaned.

THE CURE

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cure for**



is you.

ILLEGAL OPEN DUMP GRANT AWARDS AND TIMEFRAMES

- ▶ The **2025** Illegal Open Dump Grants were awarded in February. A total of \$952,657.63 was awarded to clean 87 dumpsites.
- ▶ The **2026** applications were sent to counties on July 30, 2025, and the deadline to apply is close of business on November 3, 2025. Funding will be sent to the counties the end of January 2026.
- ▶ Closeouts are due by March 31st of the year following the grant award, so the 2025 closeouts are due by March 31, 2026.

ILLEGAL OPEN DUMP GRANT GUIDELINES

- The grants apply for cleanup on both public and private property. The county is required to schedule the cleanup within one year of the dump being identified unless longer time is approved by the cabinet.
- The county should also prioritize cleanup of illegal open dumps and develop procedures to prevent recurrence of illegal open dumps.

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT ILLEGAL OPEN DUMP GRANT

- The Illegal Open Dump Grant ***DOES NOT*** pay for the following:
 - Demolition of Structures
 - Cleaning out of Abandoned Structures
- This grant is not the “Abandoned House Cleanup Grant”, “Demolition of Structure Grant”. I have had this mentioned to me more than once.

ILLEGAL OPEN DUMP GRANT



RECYCLING, HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AND COMPOSTING GRANTS

- The grants are made available in January and due back by April 1st. Funding is sent out in June for the next fiscal year.
- No changes or substitutions are allowed without written approval from the branch AND No changes or substitutions are allowed after the second quarter reporting deadline.

RECYCLING, HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AND COMPOSTING GRANTS CONT.

- The Recycling and Composting Grants have quarterly reports due in October, January and April.
- Closeouts for all three grants are due by July 15th.

FISCAL YEAR 2026 AWARDS

Recycling Grant

(28 projects) -- \$3,871,758.88

HHW

(33 projects) -- \$1,072,483.07

Composting

(9 projects) -- \$1,255,655.37

TOTAL

\$6,199,896.32

CRUMB RUBBER/TIRE DERIVED PRODUCTS GRANT

- When the crumb rubber/tire derived product grant was created in 2004, it was mainly used for athletic fields and loose crumb rubber on playgrounds (which no longer is allowed with this grant).
- This grant is a 75/25 match grant.

GRANT FUNDING BREAKDOWN

- The 75% portion provided by the Division can only cover the ***actual cost to purchase the crumb rubber or other tire derived products to be utilized in the project, plus actual transportation costs***
- The applicant shall provide funding equal to at least 25% of the total cost of the project.

ADDITIONAL COSTS

- Other costs that are eligible expenses for the applicant's match requirement can be as follows:
 - rock base;
 - cost to apply or install the project;
 - to publicize and promote the project
 - signage

GRANT ELIGIBILITY & GRANT DEADLINES

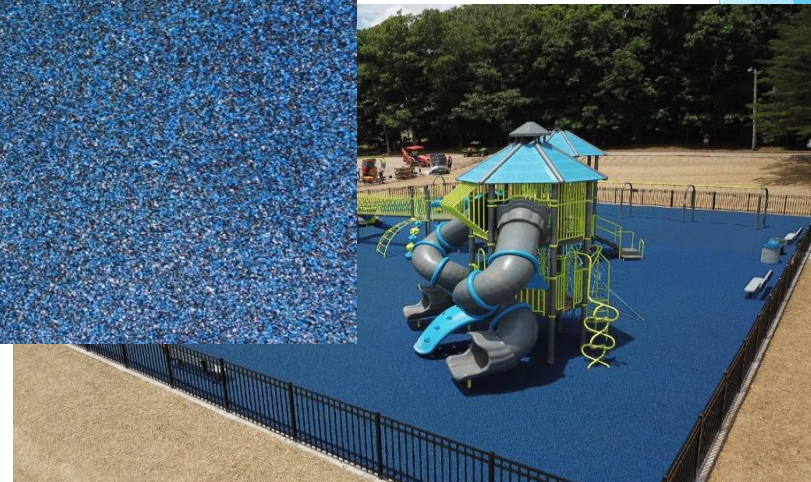
- This grant can be used for poured-in-place playgrounds and walking trails, landscaping projects and other tire derived products, horse trailers or stall mats, tree wells, park benches & picnic tables.
- Grant will be available on February 2, 2026, and due back by April 1, 2026.
- Funding will be sent out in May. This is a seven-month grant.

2025 GRANT AWARDS

► The 2025 grants totaled **\$1.4M** and were awarded to **37** entities which included the following projects:

- Twenty Poured-In-Place Playgrounds, Walking Trails, Paths/Walkways, Fitness Areas
- Seventeen grants were awarded for park & trail benches and regular & wheelchair accessible picnic tables

CITY OF SOMERSET FISCHER PARK - 2018



SEVEN HILLS HEAD START & PRESCHOOL - 2018

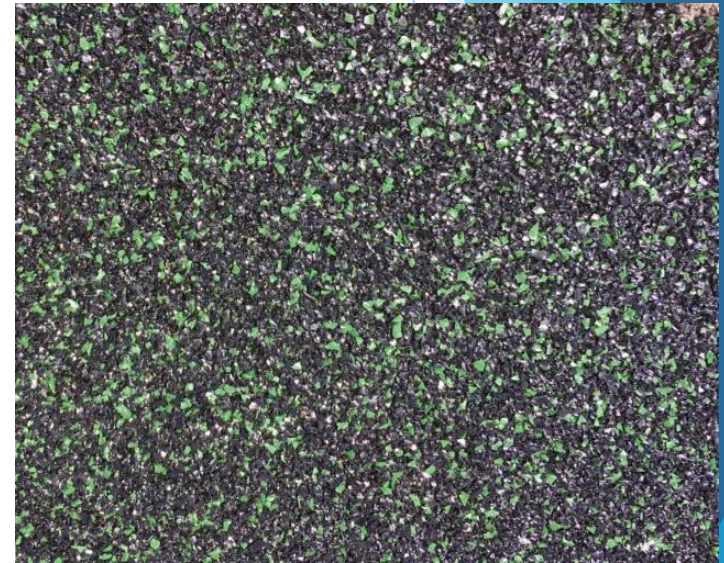
AUDUBON AREA COMMUNITY SERVICES – HEAD START PROGRAM
DAVISS COUNTY



CITY OF ELIZABETHTOWN FUNTOPIA PARK - 2021



GREEN COUNTY AMERICAN LEGION PARK WALKING TRAIL 2019



CITY OF CROFTON (CHRISTIAN COUNTY) PARK BENCH - 2019



CITY OF CROFTON (CHRISTIAN COUNTY) PICNIC TABLE - 2019



RUBBER MODIFIED ASPHALT GRANT

- The 2025 grants have been awarded.
- A total amount of **\$1,161,008.70** was awarded to nine counties for thin overlay projects.
- The next grant application will be available on February 1st, with applications due back by April 1st. It is a 7-month grant.
- We are currently reviewing progress reports from previous years.

\$4,000 DIRECT TIRE GRANT

- ▶ The grant is available in April with funding normally going out in June *(FY'26 awards have been processed and checks sent to counties).*
- ▶ It is a one-page agreement to be signed by the county judge or 109 board chair if the county wishes to accept the grant.
- ▶ Closeout documentation was due by July 15th.

WASTE TIRE COLLECTION EVENTS

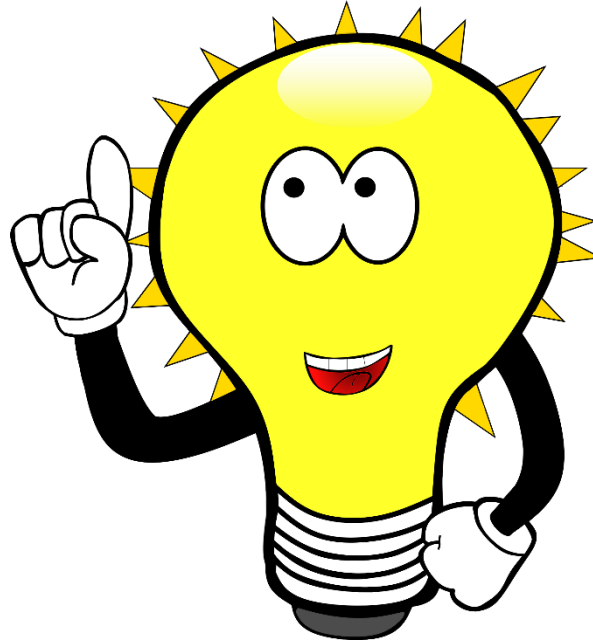
**FALL, 2025 – *Buffalo Trace and FIVCO
ADDs***

**SPRING, 2026 – *Big Sandy,
Cumberland Valley, Gateway and
Kentucky River ADDs***

**FALL, 2026 – *KIPDA, Northern
Kentucky and Purchase ADDs***

WRAP UP

SUGGESTIONS OR OPINIONS?



QUESTIONS????

