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SOLID WASTE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR RECYCLING (SWIFR) GRANT

- **October 2023** – Kentucky Division of Waste Management received a SWIFR grant to develop a new statewide Kentucky Sustainable Material Management Plan (Statewide Solid Waste Management Plan) incorporating Circular Economy, Recycling, and Sustainability strategies and initiatives.

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Calendar Year 2025

- Held the Kentucky Statewide Solid Waste, Recycling and Sustainability Conference in Louisville, February 25th – 27th.
- Held 17 Community Engagement Meetings (one in each Area Development District and two in the Bluegrass Area Development District in Lexington and two in the Kentuckiana Regional Planning and Development Agency (KIPDA) in Louisville)

SOLID WASTE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR RECYCLING (SWIFR) GRANT

Calendar Year 2026

- Ongoing meetings with Blueprint Kentucky to create the draft.
- Draft has been completed.
- Reviews are taking place at this time.
- Final product by the end of September to submit to EPA.

DIVISION OF WASTE MANAGEMENT GRANT PROGRAMS & FUNDING

- Litter Abatement – *Transfer of funds from Transportation Cabinet.*
- Illegal Open Dump - *\$1.75 tipping fee*
- Recycling, Household Hazardous Waste (HHW), Composting - *\$1.75 tipping fee*
- Crumb Rubber/Tire-Derived Products – *Waste Tire Trust Fund*
- Rubber Modified Asphalt – *Waste Tire Trust Fund*
- Waste Tire Grant – *Waste Tire Trust Fund*

LITTER ABATEMENT GRANT

- Calendar Year Grant.
- Applications are available August 1st.
- Application due back November 1st – please email the application back to person listed in the cover letter.
- Funding is calculated after the November 1st deadline with the checks being sent to recipients in mid-December.
- Available to counties and incorporated cities that provide garbage collection service by ordinance or other means.
- Does not have a match.

LITTER ABATEMENT GRANT CONT.

- Grant is to be used for the cleanup of litter along public roadways and education thereof.
- Counties/Cities are to clean the total number of miles in their county/city or get as close as possible. Percentages are very low but spending is very high.
- Any Litter Abatement Grant funding that is returned to the Division must be included in the allocation of the next litter abatement grant cycle.

LITTER ABATEMENT GRANT CONT.

- 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).
- If your county or city is not in compliance with the Kentucky Department for Local Government, a check cannot be issued for any grants. The Finance and Administration Cabinet locks your account to receive any payments.

KENTUCKY ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION – USE OF GRANT

- 401 KAR 49:080 – “direct expenses” include staff time, supplies, contract costs, expenditures related to the operation of equipment, actual disposal costs incurred, and activities, including education, focusing on litter prevention and litter cleanup along public roadways. Direct expenses do not include the purchase or lease of a motor vehicle when the lease includes a purchase option.

LITTER ABATEMENT GRANT CALCULATIONS

- County funding is based on
 - 1) county's miles of public roads (includes state road and interstates);
 - 2) county's rural population;
 - 3) county's total population.
- City funding is based on
 - 1) city's total miles of streets (includes state roads and interstates within the city limits)
 - 2) city's population

ACCEPTING THE GRANT

To accept the grant (which includes attachments)

- COUNTY – The one-page agreement is to be signed by the *head of the governing body (county Judge/Executive or 109 Board Chair)*.
- CITY – The one-page agreement is to be signed by the *head of the governing body* and provide a copy of the solid waste ordinance or solid waste contract with a hauler.

REPORTING LITTER GRANT EXPENDITURES

- Counties report their litter abatement grant expenditures on their annual report which is due March 1st of each year. There is no other form required from the counties.
- Cities report their litter abatement grant expenditures directly to the Recycling and Local Assistance Branch on a form provided to the cities. This is due by February 1st of each year.

ILLEGAL OPEN DUMP GRANT



ILLEGAL OPEN DUMP GRANT AWARDS AND TIMEFRAMES

- The 2026 Illegal Open Dump Grants were awarded in February. A total of \$763,572 was awarded to clean 77 dumpsites.
- Cleanups are to be completed by February 28, 2027, with closeout documentation due by March 31, 2027.
- The 2027 applications will be sent to the counties on July 31, 2026, and they are due back by November 2, 2026.

ILLEGAL OPEN DUMP GRANT GUIDELINES

- Grant is a 75/25 match grant.
- 14-month grant timeline.
- Cleanup on both public and private property.
- Cabinet may waive a match for a dumpsite totaling over \$50,000 for cleanup.
- Can use county employees to clean or hire a contractor.
- Only pay for actual cleanup costs. If bid, put this in the bid packet.
- Develop procedures to prevent recurrence.
- Please prioritize dumpsites.

RECYCLING, HHW AND COMPOSTING GRANTS



RECYCLING, HHW AND COMPOSTING GRANTS

- Fiscal Year grants.
- Available in January.
- Due back April 1st.
- Funding sent out in June before beginning of fiscal year.
- Closeouts due July 15th following completion of grant cycle.
- Recycling and Composting have quarterly reports.

RECYCLING, HHW AND COMPOSTING GRANTS ELIGIBILITY

- County
- City
- Waste Management District
- Urban County Government
- Other political subdivision of the state or any combination – including schools/school districts

WASTE TIRE TRUST FUND GRANTS

- Crumb Rubber/Tire Derived Products – 7-month grant



- Rubber Modified Asphalt – 7-month grant



- \$4,000 Waste Tire Grant – Fiscal Year grant



CRUMB RUBBER/TIRE DERIVED PRODUCTS GRANT

- 2026 grants are open at this time.
- Deadline to apply is April 1st.
- Funding will be awarded in May.
- Reminder it is a 7-month grant – project must be finished by December 31st.
- Financial Closeout Documentation due January 31st.
- Progress Reports due by January 31st the following two years after the grant award.

CRUMB RUBBER/TIRE DERIVED PRODUCTS GRANT

- Grant is a 75/25 match grant.
- The 75% portion provided by the Division can only cover the actual cost to purchase the crumb rubber or other tire derived products plus transportation cost.
- The applicant shall provide funding equal to at least 25% of the total cost of the project.

ADDITIONAL COSTS (MATCH)

- Additional costs such as the cost to apply or install the project or to publicize and promote the project, are eligible expenses for the applicant's match requirement.
- Removal of old playground equipment and prepping the area, as well as applying the rock base are eligible expenses for match requirements.

ELIGIBLE GRANT PROJECTS

- Poured-In-Place Playgrounds
- Poured-In-Place walking trails or loose crumb rubber walking trails
- Landscaping projects
- Sidewalks
- Horse trailer or stall mats
- Tree wells
- Picnic tables and benches

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY

- City and County Governments
- Public School Districts
- Private School Districts
- Owners of commercial entities operating in the Commonwealth of Kentucky
- Private Entities
- Entities Operating Public Parks
- State Agencies

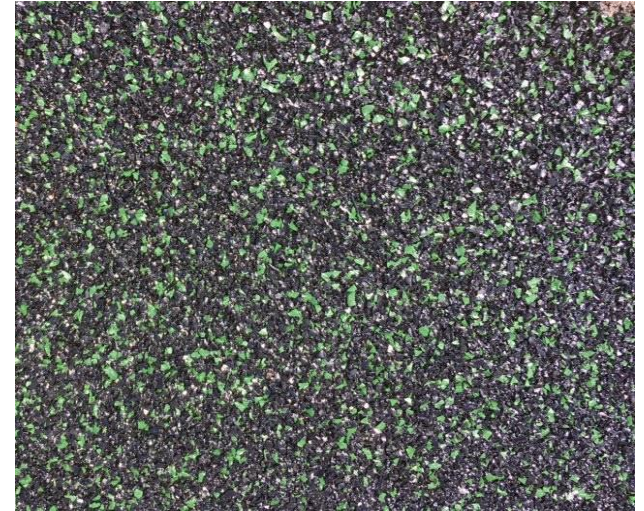
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GREEN COUNTY AMERICAN LEGION WALKING TRAIL – 2019



CITY OF CROFTON PARK BENCH AND PICNIC TABLE



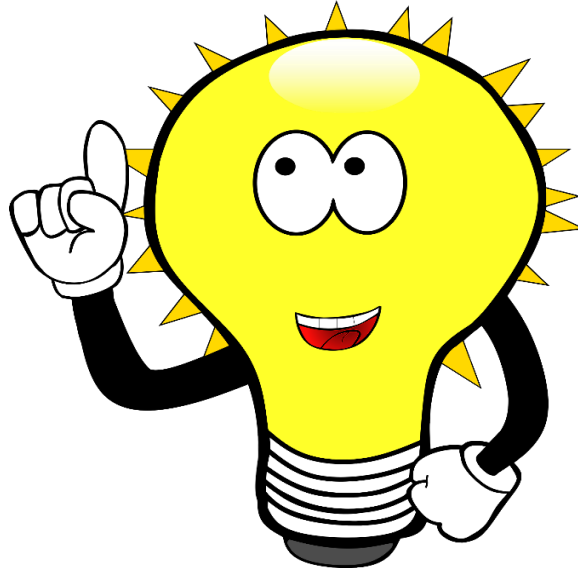
RUBBER MODIFIED ASPHALT GRANT

- 2026 grants are open at this time.
- Deadline to apply is April 1st.
- Funding will be awarded in May.
- Reminder it is a 7-month grant – project must be finished by December 31st.
- Financial Closeout Documentation due January 31st.
- Progress Reports due by January 31st following the award and five years following the award.

\$4,000 WASTE TIRE GRANT

- Application available in May and due back by June 7th.
- Funding goes out in June.
- This grant is only available to counties.
- One-page agreement to be signed by the County Judge/Executive or 109 Board Chair to accept the grant.
- Closeout due by July 15th following fiscal year.

SUGGESTIONS OR OPINIONS?



QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, IDEAS????

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