

Recycling Grants Application

2012

Fiscal Year 2013



Purpose *The purpose of this application is to provide detailed information about a proposed Recycling Grant project.*

General *All items must be completed and returned to your Regional Solid Waste Management District to be forwarded to the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ). Applications are accepted by ADEQ annually Sept. 15-Dec. 31. Incomplete applications will result in funding delays.*

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GRANT CATEGORY

Select only one category

- ADMINISTRATIVE
- COMPOSTING
- EDUCATION
- MATERIAL RECOVERY FACILITY
- PLANNING
- RECYCLING EQUIPMENT
- RECYCLING PROGRAMS
- TRANSFER STATION WITH RECYCLING
- WASTE REDUCTION ACTIVITIES

PROJECT PROPOSAL

1. In one sentence, explain what will be purchased with requested grant funds.

This grant will be used to cover costs such as, but not limited to, labor, fuel, supplies, collection containers, and anything necessary to administer the recycle program.

2. Grant Amount Requested \$ 14,047.00 3. Total Project Cost \$ 42,000.00

4. **Other than Recycling Grant funds**, how are expenses for the continuation of this project to be funded (including maintenance, repairs, labor and operating expenses)?

The District will use its operational fund to cover extra expenses.

5. **Who will manage the finances of this grant and how may s/he be contacted?** (Who is responsible for maintaining records of income and expenses related to this grant?)

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1. The Saline County RSWMD has six recycle drop off locations to collect all paper (white paper, colored paper, newsprint, magazines, mixed paper, flat cardboard, phonebooks), plastic bottles (1's & 2's), and aluminum/steel cans. The drop off locations are accessible at all times, except when being taken to the Recycle Center to service. These are located in Benton beside Sheriff Office on Neeley St, Bryant beside City Hall on S. Elm St, Bryant at Bishop Park beside the maintenance building, Bryant at Bethel Middle School on N. Spring Lake Rd, in Haskell at Fire Station on Cardinal St, and in East End across from Fire Station on Arch St. The Saline County RSWMD operates the Recycle Center at the Landfill in Bauxite Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturdays 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Items accepted at the Recycle Center are all paper, cardboard, Plastics 1 & 2- bottles only, metal, aluminum, steel, E-Waste, appliances, and tires. There is no charge to citizens for recycling at this time. The District has contracted Bin There Dump That to collect and transport recycling at schools and businesses in Saline County once a week unless needed more often. Items collected from schools and businesses are paper and cardboard, but some are now collecting plastic bottles and aluminum cans.
2. This Administrative grant will be used to cover expenses such as, but not limited to, fuel (gasoline, diesel, and propane), supplies, labor, and anything necessary to administer the recycle program. Due to the increase in recyclable material intake, the District has hired four part time employees for sorting. These employees are Birchtree Community clients. Not only does this allow us to meet our need for increased labor, it provides these clients with a job, knowledge of recycling, and a sense of accomplishment and satisfaction that they have never had before. We also occasionally hire temporary contract laborers to meet recycle processing demands. Fuel is needed to run equipment in the recycle building and vehicles used for recycling needs. Supplies such as gloves, safety glasses, shop towels, brooms, baling wire, vests, etc. are needed for servicing recyclable materials. We strive to maintain a clean and safe recycle facility. More safety training or materials may be required in the future, and this grant would also help cover that expense.
3. This Administrative grant will enhance the District's current recycle program by alleviating some of the costs for these items that are paid for through the District's operating fund. This will allow more available funding from the District's operating fund for other areas in our recycle program. Having funds to cover these expenses will allow us to properly and safely run our recycle program.
4. If this grant is approved, the District will begin funding these expenses with the grant provided instead of strictly with its operating fund. These items are necessary to operate a recycle facility. Fuel is purchased weekly. Supplies are used daily and must be replaced often. The need for this grant is vital.
5. Funds will never be left over with this project, because these expenses are a continuous need. If there were funds left over, the Office Manager and Executive Director would advise the Board of

other ways to use the funds and then submit in writing to ADEQ a request to modify this particular grant.

6. As of June 2012, according to Metroplan Census, the total population for Saline County is 110,068 which is a 2.8% increase from last year. The population will continue to grow, which means the amount of waste produced will increase. Recycling is necessary to save landfill space and protect the environment. The majority of the population doesn't recycle. Several citizens that do recycle are not doing it correctly. There is a major need for educating the citizens of Saline County on the importance and proper process for recycling. This District has been working diligently for the past year to improve recycle awareness in Saline County. Our website contains lots of useful, educational information regarding recycling. It tells the citizens where they can take their recyclables, hours of operation, what materials are accepted and which aren't, upcoming recycle events and meetings, recycling facts, and even has a recycle pledge citizens can make to improve our community. We also have a Facebook page. We have daily radio advertisement and a monthly on-air interview through KEWI radio. Our motto is "Go Green, Keep Saline Clean!" We are pushing this catchy phrase through our advertising efforts and our new mascot, Smarty the Fox. This has proven to be successful so far. We will continue our efforts to make recycling a priority in our community and strive to be a leader that other communities can follow.

MINIMUM CONDITIONS OF RECYCLING GRANTS

All grants are subject to the requirements of A.C.A. 8-6-601 et. Seq. and Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission Regulation 11, Chapter Four: Solid Waste Management and Recycling Grants Program.

The following items are not eligible for funding from recycling grants:

Taxes, other than sales
Reimbursement of funds

Retroactive purchases
Legal fees

Licenses or permits
Vehicle registration

GRANT RECIPIENTS AGREE TO:

- ◆ Actively develop a recycling program, as outlined in the grant application, and expend all grant funds in the three (3) years following the date of the grant award by the department.
- ◆ Actively seek to market or reuse the materials diverted under the recycling program from deposition in landfills in the period of three (3) years following the date of the grant award by the department.
- ◆ Start grant project before July 15, the date pre-applications for the next grant round are due to the department.
- ◆ Use facilities or equipment purchased with grant funds no less than 50 percent of the time on the purposes specified in the grant application.
- ◆ Use any interest earned on grant funds exclusively for recycling programs consistent with the Regional Solid Waste Management District's Solid Waste Management Plan.
- ◆ Maintain an orderly accounting system to document grant expenditures. This includes keeping copies of all bids, paid invoices, canceled checks, and other appropriate paperwork.
- ◆ Report for five years after receipt of grant funds or until all funds are expended, as directed by statute and regulation.
- ◆ Conform to all state laws on the purchase, use or sale of equipment and facilities secured with grant funds.
- ◆ Seek competitive bids or requests for proposals (RFP) for purchase of equipment or services as required by state and local procurement laws.
- ◆ Receive written approval from the Board and the department for any modifications to the grant, including requests for time extensions.
- ◆ Receive written consent from the Board and the department before selling, trading or transferring facilities or equipment.

REGIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARDS AGREE TO ensure recipients conform to requirements and to:

- ◆ Establish or designate at least one adequate recyclable materials collection center in each county as required in Arkansas Pollution Control & Ecology Commission Regulation 28.
- ◆ Ensure the grantee show adequate revenues are being collected to support the long-term operation and maintenance of a grant-funded project prior to the disbursal of grant funds.
- ◆ Ensure all applicable federal, state and local permits and licenses have been obtained.
- ◆ **Ensure the project has begun before disbursing funds.**
- ◆ Notify ADEQ in the event a recipient has not met conditions of the approved grant application.
- ◆ Ensure that the project is compatible with the approved RSWMD plan on file with ADEQ or submit documentation demonstrating why a deviation is necessary.
- ◆ Compile annual reports as required.

ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

All grants are subject to audit. Department personnel have the right of access to all records pertaining to grant-funded projects or activities.

Grant application must include: completed form, answers to Project Description questions, and Proof(s) of Publication as required. Copies of any comments received regarding the grant request shall be forwarded to ADEQ. **If no comments are received, send an e-mail to your ADEQ Recycling Coordinator stating such at the end of the comment period.**

Incomplete grant applications will not be considered and may delay processing of grant funds.

Signature and Certification

The authorized representative of the organization applying for the grant and the Regional Solid Waste Management Board Chairman both must sign and date the application. The authorized representative must have the authority to obligate the applicant's resources.

I certify that to the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this application and its attachments is correct and true. I understand and agree that if grant money is awarded as a result of this application, I will comply with all applicable statutory and regulatory provisions and with applicable terms, conditions, and procedures of the Recycling Grants program. I have read and agree to abide by the Minimum Conditions of Recycling Grants. I certify that all proposed activities will be carried out and that all grant money received will be utilized solely for the purposes for which it is intended unless written authorization to modify the project is provided by the Regional Solid Waste Management District Board and the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality.

X Michael F. Gypsi 12-19-12
Applicant's Authorized Representative and Title Date

X Jerry Arney 12-19-12
RSWMD Board Chairman Date

THE ABOVE-REFERENCED GRANT IS HEREBY APPROVED.

X Robert L. Hunter 1/28/13
ADEQ Recycling/Market Development Branch Manager Date

X [Signature] 2/4/2013
ADEQ Solid Waste Management Division Chief Date

X Karen Bassett 2/5/13
ADEQ Chief Deputy Director Date

Proof of Publication

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County of Saline } ss

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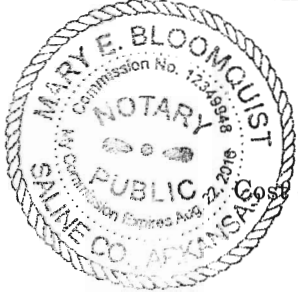
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Legal Notice

NOTICE

The Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District will submit grant applications to the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality for grants from the State Recycling Fund for \$157,600. The applications propose to utilize the funds in the following ways: \$40,000 Saline County Education; \$45,600 Saline County Recycling Programs; \$24,000 Waste Reduction Activities (labor, fuel, maintenance, etc.); \$36,000 Waste Reduction Activities (Recycle Material Pick Up/Transport); and \$12,000 for Administration. Written comments may be sent to Michael Grappe, Executive Director, Saline County Regional Solid Waste Management District, 114 West Sevier St. Benton, AR 72015. Written comments will be accepted from July 21 through August 20. Questions regarding the above may be directed to the District Office at 501.776.2533.



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For SCRSWMD Grants SAL00-12, SAL01-12, SAL02-12, SAL03-12, and SAL04-12

Re: Public Comment Period

To Whom It May Concern,

The Saline County RSWMD ran a legal notice in the Saline Courier informing the general public it would be requesting State Recycling Funds for \$157,000. The notice ran on July 22, 2012. The Public Comment period ended on August 20, 2012. There were NO public comments of any kind submitted to the Executive Director. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact our office for further discussion.

Respectfully,

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Recycle Sorter	\$7.25/hr	1,490	\$10,800.00

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