

west virginia department of environmental protection



REAP

Rehabilitation Environmental Action Plan



Goals for REAP

- ◆ Eradicate litter and illegal dumps throughout the state
- ◆ Educate the public about the merits of pollution prevention and recycling
- ◆ Make WV the cleanest state in the nation assisting in the recruitment of new businesses and making us a top tourist destination
- ◆ Cooperate with municipalities/counties in adopting and enforcing ordinances and organizing programs that assist in accomplishing these goals
- ◆ Provide financial and technical assistance to recycling and litter programs.



"Keeping WV Clean and Green"

**Adopt-A-Highway & Adopt-A-Spot
Pollution Prevention Open Dump**

Make-It-Shine

Adopt-A-Stream

**CED Manufacturer Registration and Takeback
Abandoned and Dilapidated Properties (DLAP)**

Litter Control Grant

Recycling Assistance Grant

Covered Electronic Devices Grant

Litter Control Grant Program

2026 Grant Cycle

(July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026)

Anticipated Live Date in wvOasis – May 1, 2025

- ◆ **Dollar to dollar matching grant up to \$5,000**
 - ◆ **In-kind match may be used**
- ◆ **Eligibility – Municipalities, County Commissions & County Solid Waste Authorities**
- ◆ **Grant may be used for the initiation, continuation, or expansion of a local litter control program.**
- ◆ **Applications must be submitted in VSS by 11:59 pm on May 31st.**

Litter Control Grants

WV Code §22-15A- 4

- ◆ Litter Control Fund
- ◆ 50% of civil penalties resulting from violations of state litter laws



Litter Control Grants

- ◆ Examples of authorized uses of grant funds
 - ◆ Enforcement of anti-litter statutes
 - ◆ Local litter cleanup campaigns/public awareness
 - ◆ Litter control equipment and supplies
 - ◆ Other relevant items upon Division approval
- ◆ Unauthorized uses of grant funds
 - ◆ Any use not related to litter prevention, elimination, or control
 - ◆ Beautification projects, landscaping or roadside vegetation removal
 - ◆ Equipment routinely used for transporting solid waste
 - ◆ Landfill operation
 - ◆ Office equipment

Covered Electronic Devices Recycling Grant Program

2026 Grant Cycle

(October 1, 2025 thru September 30, 2026)

Anticipated to go LIVE in wvOasis on August 1, 2025

- ◆ Eligibility – Municipalities, County Commissions & County Solid Waste Authorities
- ◆ Maximum request of \$40,000
 - ◆ First \$20,000 requires no matching funds.
 - ◆ Over \$20,000 requires a dollar to dollar match from the grantee.
- ◆ Purpose: To establish CED recycling or takeback programs, CED collection events, and CED recycling educational programs.
- ◆ Applications must be submitted in VSS by 11:59pm on August 31st.

Covered Electronic Devices Recycling Grant Program

WV Code §22-15A- 25

- ◆ Covered Electronic Devices Takeback Fund
- ◆ Annual registration fees from manufacturers wishing to sell or lease covered electronic devices

Covered Electronic Devices Recycling Grant Program

- ◆ Examples of authorized uses of grant funds
 - ◆ Public awareness and advertising
 - ◆ Program operation or implementation
 - ◆ Supplies and equipment
 - ◆ E-cycling Contractor Fees
- ◆ Unauthorized uses of grant funds
 - ◆ Land acquisitions
 - ◆ Office furniture and equipment
 - ◆ Entertainment costs
 - ◆ Alcoholic beverages, meals, gratuities
 - ◆ Beautification costs
 - ◆ Landfill operation/management
 - ◆ Any type of lobbying expenses



REAP Recycling Assistance Grant Program

Grants are for planning, initiating, expanding, or upgrading recycling programs, for public education programs which promote recycling and for market procurement.



RECYCLING ASSISTANCE GRANTS

2026 Grant Cycle

(January 1, 2026 thru February 28, 2027)

Anticipated to go LIVE in wvOasis VSS on May 1st.

- ◆ Applications must be submitted in VSS by 5pm on the first business day in July.
- ◆ **Cure Period:** The Department shall review all applications received by the deadline for completeness **and** at its discretion allow the applicants to remedy any errors by the deadline **date designated by WVDEP.**

Recycling Assistance Grants

Purpose Of The Grant Program:

There is no intent for the Recycling Grant Program to fund operating expenses on a year-by-year basis.

To comply with this purpose, grants are provided to:

- ◆ Start a recycling program in the absence of a comparable one.
- ◆ Expand a current recycling program.
- ◆ Defray expenses for damage or losses incurred from unavoidable events.
- ◆ Implement educational programs and related expenses.
- ◆ Market development efforts and related expenses.

◆ Available Funding Levels:

- ◆ Local Government Feasibility Study \$35,000
 - ◆ County or Regional Solid Waste Authority \$150,000
 - ◆ County Commission \$150,000
 - ◆ Municipality (population over 10,000) \$150,000
 - ◆ Municipality (population under 10,000) \$75,000
 - ◆ State Agency \$75,000
 - ◆ State Instrumentality (School) \$75,000
 - ◆ Other Interested Parties (Private Businesses) \$75,000
& Non-Profits
- ◆ Multiple entities applying to benefit the same project, facility, or program may not exceed a combined MAXIMUM request of \$250,000.

Recycling Assistance Grants

◆ Ineligible Entities:

- ◆ An applicant that has a current grant from the Recycling Assistance Grant Program.

Request for Waiver:

Submitted to the DEP Cabinet Secretary for the following reasons **ONLY**:

- ◆ Significant damages, through no fault of the applicant, caused by fire, flood, or other act of nature.
- ◆ New legislative requirements or restrictions that materially affect program operations.
- ◆ An entity that financially benefited from a Recycling Assistance Grant the previous year.
- ◆ A grant recipient who has filed a delinquent Final Comprehensive Report is ineligible for two years following the year in which the delinquent final report was received.
- ◆ A grant recipient who has a final report or funds outstanding and due to the department.

Recycling Assistance Grants

Top Reasons for local government ineligibility for the Recycling Assistance Grant:

- ♦ #1 issue: Required financial audit or review not completed and signed by Auditor's Office. For the 2026 Recycling Assistance grant cycle, FY2023 and 2022 financial reviews or audits will be required.
- ♦ #2 issue: Expired or lack of regulatory requirements met such as DEP Stormwater permit or County Comprehensive Plans.

Legislative Rule 33-10-12.6: The grant recipient shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws, codes, ordinances, rules and regulations. The Department may withdraw all funds from grant recipients who fail to comply with grant guidelines.

Approved Uses of Recycling Assistance Grant

- ◆ Personnel – \$25,000 max.
- ◆ Conference Attendance - \$1,500 max.
- ◆ Office Supplies – \$1,000 max.
- ◆ Operational Supplies
- ◆ Equipment
- ◆ Recycling Vehicle Expense
- ◆ Printing & Advertising
- ◆ Promotional Items
- ◆ Effective 2024 grant cycle: Computer hardware and software used 100% for recycling operations.



Approved Uses of Recycling Assistance Grant

- ◆ Utilities —. Maximum of \$1,200 for phone charges. Rent / lease stipulations.
- ◆ Recycling Facility Construction, Improvements and Repairs – For land owned or rented / leased. Rent / lease stipulations.
- ◆ Professional Services
- ◆ Contractual Services



Grants may not be used for:

- ◆ Purchase or leasing of dumpsters not used for recycling.
- ◆ Land acquisitions.
- ◆ Office equipment
- ◆ Street sweepers, snowplows, etc.
- ◆ Entertainment cost such as banquets, parties, etc.
- ◆ Alcoholic beverages, in-state lunches, food and gratuities.
- ◆ Beautification projects unless the purpose is for natural screening to neighboring properties.
- ◆ Lobbying expense.

Making Purchases

Purchases Between \$5,000 and \$10,000 - NEW

- Grant recipients 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).
- A no-bid is not a valid bid.
- Electronic bids are acceptable. Screen prints from internet sites in which the commodity or service is for sale and may be procured can substitute for a verbal bid.

Purchases Over \$10,000

- You must place a **Class II legal advertisement** in the newspaper with the largest circulation serving your region (e.g., Parkersburg News and Sentinel, Charleston Gazette).
 - ♦ The ad must run once a week, for two consecutive weeks
 - ♦ Upon prior approval from the Department, alternative publication methods can be used in lieu of a newspaper Class II legal advertisement to obtain written bids when the alternative method renders a larger pool of competition. Examples of alternative methods may include, but are not limited to, official procurement websites for a city or county government.

Recycling Assistance Grants

Timeline

- ◆ July 1: Application Deadline. Applicants reviewed and cured in order received.
- ◆ July 31: Cure Period Deadline
- ◆ Early October: Grant Review Committee Meeting
- ◆ Early December: Grant award and denied notifications
- ◆ Late December: Grant training deadline
- ◆ January 1: Grant Period begins. 1st of 4 allotments processed
- ◆ Quarterly Reports due April 30th, July 31st, October 31st, & January 31. Subsequent allotments released upon receipt of quarterly reports.
- ◆ November 1: Deadline to start bidding procedures
- ◆ February 28: Last day to expend grant funds/end of grant cycle
- ◆ March 31: Final Comprehensive Report Deadline
- ◆ Post grant cycle: Site visits for construction projects and 5-year lien period with annual site visits for equipment purchased.

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