



# **Webinar The 2015 Michigan Community Pollution Prevention Grant Program**

# Excellence in Recycling Awards



- Nominate your business, institution, government agency, non-profit agency, or other entity for an Excellence in Recycling Award.
- Award winners will be celebrated at the Governor's Recycling Summit on May 5, 2015, and will enjoy complimentary entry to the event.
- Application deadline: **February 15, 2015**



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# Department of Environmental Quality 2015 Community Pollution Prevention Grant

Enhancing Local Programs





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# Department of Environmental Quality

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# Community Pollution Prevention Grant Program



- The Community Pollution Prevention (P2) Grant Program seeks to bring local government, businesses, planning agencies, and residents together to achieve measurable waste reductions of pollutants using innovative sustainable pollution prevention practices.
- The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is authorized under Public Act 384 of 1996 as amended to provide grants for the purpose of preventing pollution.
- Grant projects must focus on achieving measurable reductions in waste, have a local or regional focus, and result in long-term environmental improvements.

# Funding



- Up to \$600,000
- The Community P2 Grant Program is authorized under Public Act 384 of 1996 as amended, which establishes the Cleanup and Redevelopment Trust Fund with interest earned on unclaimed beverage container deposits. The Public Act designates a portion of these deposits for a Community Pollution Prevention Fund, and from this fund the DEQ obtains appropriations to award grants for community P2.
- Public Act 252 of 2014 authorizes the DEQ to expend General Funds and Settlement Funds. Monies from these funds granted through the 2015 Community P2 Grant Program will be administered in accordance with Public Act 384 of 1996 as amended.

# Purpose



- 2012 Governor Rick Snyder's special message on energy and the environment acknowledged the low recycling rate in Michigan
- Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) convened a stakeholder workgroup to advance recycling in Michigan.
- Findings of that group included a need for more data and information to inform state and local decision makers.
- In response the DEQ partnered to create information to inform community based decision makers interested in improving their local recycling operations.
- The 2015 Grant Program will build on these efforts and provide direct assistance to enhance local and regional programs.

# Grant Objectives

- Increase the statewide recycling rate through:
  - Start-ups
  - Program Enhancements
  - Infrastructure Development
  - Market Development
  - Education and Outreach
  - Innovative Solutions



# Administrative Requirements



- Proposals must meet **all** of the following requirements to be considered:
  - Eligible applicants include non-profit organizations, local and tribal governments, local health departments, municipalities, and regional planning agencies. However, subcontractors may be for-profit or non-profit organizations.
  - Total grant fund requests must not exceed \$100,000.
  - Organizations receiving grants are required to provide a match of at least 25 percent of the **total project cost**. Grantee contributions may include dollars, in-kind goods and services, and/or third party contributions. Total project cost equals the grant request plus the match amount. **A grant request of \$100,000 requires a match amount of \$33,333.33 for a total project cost of \$133,333.33.**
  - Unless otherwise stated in the Request for Proposal, the applicant must expend grant funding within two years of the start date of the grant agreement, and complete all tasks within the term of the contract.
  - The Grantee must supply proof of a successful financial audit for a period ending within the 24 months immediately preceding the application as demonstrated by an *Independent Auditor's Report* signed by a Certified Public Accountant from a Comprehensive Annual Report. The audit must be of the applicant organization – no fiduciary arrangements will be accepted.

# Eligible/Ineligible Grant Activities



- The following activities are eligible under the Community P2 Grant Program; this list may not be exhaustive:
  - Grant funds can be used to fund employee salaries or employ graduate students to complete the objectives listed above.
  - Grant funds can be used to hire consultants to complete the objectives listed above.
  - Grant funds can be used to collect required data.
- The following activities are ineligible under the Community P2 Grant Program; this list may not be exhaustive:
  - Maintain existing projects currently funded with Community P2 money (see Non-Duplicative Programs below).
  - Administer projects that are a part of a community's regulatory responsibility.
  - Implement other activities deemed inappropriate under contract management standards.
  - Grant funds may not be used to lobby or directly influence legislative decision-making.
  - The purchase of real property

# Selection Criteria



- The projects will be selected based upon compliance with the items listed below:
  - The project goals are clear and realistic. The proposal must clearly explain how the project will increase the statewide recycling rate in Michigan
  - The proposal contains a clear and well developed project narrative, work-plan, timeline, and budget.
  - The proposal demonstrates that the applicant and any subcontractors have the technical ability, experience, depth of staff, qualifications and credibility necessary to administer the grant and implement the project..
  - The time frame for completion of the project is realistic.
  - The project is cost-effective/efficient. Funds allocated for specific activities are reasonable according to levels of funding used by operating programs in Michigan.
  - The applicant has demonstrated the ability to collaborate and partner with other groups and organizations as deemed appropriate.

# Selection Criteria



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- The applicant has partnered with relevant organizations to secure the support and commitments necessary to execute the project.
- The project is sustainable beyond the grant period.
- The project has a clearly defined and relevant education and outreach component.
- The applicant has defined success, chosen relevant metrics and in the appraisers' opinions the project is likely to succeed.
- The applicant has demonstrated the ability to successfully implement and administer grant projects.

# Acceptance of Grant Proposal



- Successful applicants will be required to enter into a project contract with the DEQ within 60 days of the grant award. A project contract consists of standard “boilerplate” language, the applicant’s work plan, timetable, and budget information. Failure of a successful applicant to accept the obligations outlined in the contract boilerplate may result in withdrawal or cancellation of the grant. The DEQ reserves the right to offer partial funding for any grant proposal.
- Successful applicants will be invited to be recognized at the Governor’s Recycling Summit in Kalamazoo on May 5, 2015.

# Proposal Deadline



- Proposals must be received by the DEQ, OEA, P2SU, no later than **5:00 pm on April 1, 2015**. On or before this date/time, one original hardcopy version of the 2015 Community P2 Grant Program proposal must be received by DEQ, OEA, P2SU. Proposals sent by facsimile or email will not be accepted. Digital submissions will not be accepted. If you choose to mail your proposal it is advised that you send it with delivery confirmation.

# Nuts and Bolts

- Successful Financial Audit
- Letters of Commitment
- Reimbursement Grants
- Quarterly Reports
- Expenditure Documentation – Grant and Match requirements are equal
- Grant Contract Changes



# Remember

- This is a competitive process and we can only evaluate your project on what is included in the proposal.



# Questions



## Office of Environmental Assistance Environmental Stewardship and Assistance Programs

- Clean Corporate Citizen Program
- Clean Diesel Initiative
- Clean Marinas
- Community P2 Grants
- Economy, Energy, and Environment Initiative
- Environmental Leaders
- Sustainable Purchasing
- Green Chemistry
- Green Communities Challenge
- Healthcare Pollution Prevention
- Green Construction
- Michigan Business P2 Partnership
- Michigan By-Product Synergy
- Neighborhood Environmental Partners Program
- Pollution Prevention Week
- Retired Engineer Technical Assistance Program (RETAP)
- Small Business Pollution Prevention Loans
- Turfgrass Stewardship

