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Scrap Tire Program Request for Proposals for Cleanup Projects

PART I

GENERAL INFORMATION

I-A Purpose

Improper disposal of scrap tires is a problem in urban and rural areas across the state. Abandoned scrap tires pose a threat to public health and the environment. Water that collects in tires can be a breeding ground for mosquitoes and tire fires are difficult to control and produce dangerous smoke and run-off. The Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Scrap Tire Program is offering grants for cleanup projects that reduce the risks associated with abandoned tires. The State anticipates the grant period will start May 1, 2026, and will end on December 31, 2026.

I-B Program Description

The Scrap Tire Program is funded by a \$1.50 fee on vehicle title transfers in the State of Michigan. In fiscal year (FY) 2026, EGLE will provide grants to support scrap tire cleanup projects. Applicants must consider the following program objectives and priorities in the planning of their proposal.

1. Program Objectives:
 - a. Clean up abandoned scrap tires.
 - b. Provide convenient access to appropriate scrap tire disposal for Michigan residents.
2. Program Priorities:
 - a. Clean up of tires accumulated before 1991.
 - b. Clean up of tire piles on public land.
 - c. Clean up of tire piles on private land.
 - d. Residential drop-off programs.

I-C Grant Award

Up to \$1,000,000.00 in funding is expected to be available for all cleanup grants. In order to be eligible for project funding, all projects require an established direct pay agreement with a registered processor. No grantee match is required. Grantees may be offered partial funding.

The Scrap Tire Program will award funds to applicants that agree to the terms set forth in this Request for Proposals (RFP) and the [Grant Agreement](#). The Scrap Tire Program, an entity within EGLE, will be the primary contact with selected applicants to negotiate the scope of work. All other requirements are non-negotiable. Funds for clean up on private property must be expended by

December 31, 2027, and all other funds must be expended by December 31, 2026.

I-D Eligibility Criteria

1. Eligible applicants include, but are not limited to:
 - a. An owner/representative of a private property with 500 or more scrap tires located in Michigan.
 - b. Michigan public and non-profit entities such as cities, villages, townships, counties, tribal governments, watershed organizations, and recycling authorities.
2. Eligible projects include:
 - a. Clean up of abandoned tires on public property.
 - b. Clean up of 500 or more scrap tires on private property.
 - c. Scrap tire collection events for Michigan residents.
3. Eligible expenses include:
 - a. \$1,500.00 per dropped trailer for the first 500 tires and then \$3.00 per Passenger Tire Equivalent (PTE) for anything over the initial 500 tires, up to a maximum of \$3,000.00 per trailer.
 - b. For cleanups being reimbursed by weight, the reimbursement will be \$266.67 per ton.
 - c. For cleanups being reimbursed by volume, the reimbursement will be \$26.67 per cubic yard.
 - d. Oversized tires (OTR) not generated by a commercial business or commercial farming operation may be accepted under the grant program. One OTR is equal to 15 PTE and would be reimbursed at $\$3.00 \times 15.00 = \45.00 ; or by weight at \$266.67 per ton.

*Grantees hosting collection events may charge a fee to residents to offset costs above those covered by the grant.

I-E Ineligible Projects and Expenses

Any work that is conducted before the grant agreement is fully executed.

1. Staff time and labor costs.
2. Advertising.
3. Equipment to load tires into trailers.
4. Costs in excess of amounts specified in Section I-D.
5. Collection of scrap tires generated by businesses and farms, as defined in the Michigan Right to Farm Act, 1981 PA 93, as amended.
6. Clean up of scrap tires where a viable, liable party exists that is responsible for the tires.
7. Projects deemed illegal under the law or inappropriate under contract management standards.
8. Projects not conducted in Michigan.
9. Projects that do not adhere to State of Michigan permit requirements.

I-F Issuing Office and Point of Contact

This RFP has been issued by EGLE's Scrap Tire Program. All questions regarding this solicitation should be directed to:

Kirsten Clemens
EGLE-ScrapTire@Michigan.gov

I-G Proposals

To be considered, applicants must submit a complete grant application response to this RFP, addressing the Program Objectives and Program Priorities listed in the Program Description I-B, and using the format and attachments provided in Part II.

I-H Response Date

Proposals must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on March 27, 2026.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED FROM APPLICANTS

NOTE: The following information must be submitted by all applicants to be considered. *Failure to attach/include the requested information will result in the rejection of the proposal.*

II-A Online Application

Complete the Online Application. Questions marked with an asterisk (*) require a response. Applicants can submit their completed Online Application by clicking "Submit" button on the bottom of the application page.

- Community Cleanup Grant Online Application; or
- Private Property Cleanup Grant Online Application:

PART III

SELECTION CRITERIA

All proposals received shall be subject to an evaluation by the Scrap Tire Program. The evaluation will be conducted in a manner appropriate to select the applicant(s) for the purpose of entering into a [Grant Agreement](#) to perform the proposed project within the established timeline. Initial screening of the applications will be conducted to ensure applicants and projects meet all eligibility requirements.

Proposals failing to meet the eligibility requirements described in Sections I-D and I-E, which do not comply with the requirements of the Grant Agreement, and/or which are incomplete, will be rejected. Proposals meeting the eligibility requirements will be evaluated according to the criteria and weighting factors below. Grant dollar amounts may be adjusted upwards or downwards by EGLE Scrap Tire staff based on Program knowledge and/or funding availability.

III-A Evaluation of proposals

Proposals will be reviewed and prioritized for funding as follows:

1. Tires accumulated prior to 1991.
2. Sites with more than 500 scrap tires that pose an imminent threat to public health, safety, welfare, or the environment.
3. Residents drop off events. Factors influencing project selection:
 - a. Regional collaboration; individual townships serving small populations are encouraged to collaborate on a joint project proposal. Priority will be given to collaborative proposals. Projects under \$5,000 may not be funded.
 - b. Development of permanent scrap tire collection sites.
 - c. Grantees that have not previously received funding. Grantees that did not receive funding in the prior fiscal year will be prioritized over applicants that were funded in the previous fiscal year.

III-B Project Clarifications/Revisions

During the proposal review process, applicants may be contacted for clarification and for the purpose of negotiating changes in project activities, timetables, and budgeted costs. The Scrap Tire Program reserves the right to award funds for an amount other than that requested and/or request changes to, or clarification of, the proposed project.

III-C Rejection of Proposals

Applicants will be notified of awarded projects once EGLE's Director approves the final funding recommendations. The Scrap Tire Program reserves the right to reject any and all proposals received as a result of this RFP or to negotiate separately with any source whatsoever in any manner necessary to serve the State and The Scrap Tire Program. The Scrap Tire Program will not pay for the information solicited or obtained as a result of a consultant/vendor's response to any RFP.

III-D Acceptance of Proposal

Successful applicants will be notified via e-mail and provided with a grant agreement to sign and return to EGLE for final signature. Grant work may not be conducted prior to the grant agreement being signed by both the grantee and EGLE. Any work conducted prior to execution of the grant agreement will not be reimbursed.

The contents of this RFP and the proposal of the selected applicant become grant obligations if a grant award ensues. Failure of the selected applicant to accept these obligations shall result in cancellation of the award. The successful applicant(s) will be required to accept all terms and enter into a Grant Agreement with the State within 45 calendar days of being notified of funding award. The Agreement consists of standard contract language, applicant's work plan, timetable, and budget information, a compensation clause that adheres to guidelines in this solicitation, and terms and conditions that outline additional requirements.

PART IV

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

IV-A Scrap Tire Processors

Selected applicants must use a registered scrap tire processor to complete the cleanup project. Applicants must select a processor and discuss the scope of the project with them before applying for a grant. EGLE will not choose the processor or schedule any event(s). EGLE maintains a list of registered [Michigan processors](#).

Out-of-state haulers/processors may be considered and approved by EGLE on a case-by-case basis for tires located in the Upper Peninsula, if the applicant is unable to find a Michigan hauler/processor willing to provide services for the grant reimbursement amount. Out-of-state haulers/processors must register with SIGMA.

IV-B Direct Pay Agreement

Selected applicants must enter into a direct pay agreement with an approved Scrap Tire Processor. This agreement, signed by both the applicant and processor, must be provided to the Scrap Tire Program via EGLE-ScrapTire@Michigan.gov before the finalization of grant agreements.

IV-C Private property clean ups

For cleanup of tires accumulated on private property after 1991, EGLE will place a lien on the property for the grant amount.

IV-D SIGMA Vendor Registration

Scrap Tire Processors must be registered as a vendor of the State of Michigan on the SIGMA Vendor Self Services (VSS) before entering into a Grant Agreement. If a Scrap Tire Processor is not already a registered vendor, an account will need to be created by visiting the State of Michigan SIGMA Vendor Self Service site at [Welcome to CGI Advantage Vendor Self Service Portal](#).

IV-D News Releases

News releases (including promotional literature and commercial advertisements) pertaining to the Grant or project to which it relates must not be made without prior written State approval, and then only in accordance with the explicit written instructions of the State.

IV-E Disclosure of Proposal Contents

All information in a bidder's proposal and any Grant resulting from this RFP is subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, 1976 PA 442, as amended, MCL 15.231, *et seq.*

IV-F Copyrighted Materials

See Section VI of the [Grant Agreement](#) for a summary of intellectual property provisions.

IV-G Prime Applicant Responsibilities

The selected applicant will be required to assume responsibility for all grant activities offered in the proposal whether or not that applicant performs them. Further, the State will consider the selected applicant (Recipient) to be the sole point of contact with regard to grant matters, including but not limited to payment of any and all costs resulting from the anticipated grant. If any part of the work is to be subcontracted, the Recipient must notify their Grant Manager and identify the subcontractor(s), including firm name and address, contact person, complete description of work to be subcontracted, descriptive information concerning subcontractor's organizational abilities, Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN), UEI number, and/or state license number. The State reserves the right to approve subcontractors for the project and to require the Recipient to replace subcontractors found to be unacceptable. The Recipient is totally responsible for adherence by the subcontractor to all provisions of the Grant. For additional information, see Section VII and VIII of the [Grant Agreement](#) for a summary of delegation provisions.

IV-H Partner Responsibilities

Organizations partnering with selected applicant(s) must comply with the requirements of the solicitation and will be held to the same standards as prime applicants.

IV-I Permit Requirements

All activities undertaken with grant funds must comply with State of Michigan permitting requirements. It is the Recipient's responsibility to acquire all necessary [environmental permits](#) prior to initiating the funded project.

IV-J Prevailing Wage Requirements

The State of Michigan House Bill 4007 established requirements for all public projects sponsored or financed by the state to follow prevailing wages and fringe

benefits. Find the [current prevailing wage](#) and fringe benefit requirements for your county.