



Solid Waste Management Grant Program

USDA Rural Development's Solid Waste Management grants help reduce or eliminate pollution of water resources, as well as improve planning and management of solid waste sites in rural areas.

Eligible Applicants:

- Private, non-profit organizations
- Public bodies
- Federally acknowledged Native American tribes
- Academic institutions
- Successful applicants must have the ability, experience, legal authority, and actual capacity to provide technical assistance and/or training

Eligible Purposes:

- Evaluate current landfill conditions to determine threats to water resources
- Provide technical assistance and/or training to enhance operator skill in maintenance and operation of active landfills
- Provide technical assistance to reduce solid waste stream through reduction, recycling and reuse
- Provide technical assistance to operators at landfills which are closed or closing to help with development or implementation of closure plans, future use plans, or safety and maintenance planning
- Projects must be located in rural communities with less than 10,000 residents

Ineligible Purposes:

- Duplicating existing services, or to be used as a substitute of support previously provided Capital assets, purchase real estate or vehicles, improve/renovate space, repair or maintain previously owned property
- Construction or operation and maintenance costs Costs incurred prior to grant effective date Technical assistance duplicating services provided by other agencies
- Technical assistance provided by a consultant (on contract with non-affiliated organizations) cannot exceed 49% of the grant

Grant Terms:

No minimum or maximum amounts

Scoring Criteria:

- Applicant has demonstrated capability and past performance in providing technical assistance Low-income communities being served Servicing areas with less than 5,500 residents and/or 2,500 residents
- Leveraging other funds
- Regional, multi-state or national projects
- Project timeframe of less than 12 months
- Cost effectiveness of project
- Service project coincides with program objectives
- Technical assistance directly delivered to staff of association/associations being served

Application Information:

- Application materials available online at www.rurdev.usda.gov/UWP-solidwastemanagement.htm
- Applications accepted October 1 through December 31 each year
- Grant period begins in October of the following year
- Applications are processed at the USDA Rural Development State Office and submitted to the National Office for selection

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