

# Solid Waste Management Grants

## What does this program do?

**This program reduces or eliminates the pollution of water resources by funding eligible organizations that provide technical assistance or training to improve planning for – and management of – solid waste disposal sites.**

## Who can apply?

- **Public bodies**
- **Nonprofits**
- **Federally-recognized Tribes**
- **Academic institutions**

### **All applicants must have:**

- **Proven ability, background, or experience to successfully complete a project similar to the one proposed**
- **Legal authority and capacity to provide technical assistance or training**

### **What is an eligible area?**

Rural areas and towns with populations of 10,000 or fewer. To check your eligibility, visit <https://go.usa.gov/xMwaC>.

Special consideration may be given to projects serving:

- Areas with populations of fewer than 5,500, or 2,500, respectively
- Regional, multistate, or national areas
- Lower-income populations

### **How can funds be used?**

- Evaluate current landfill conditions to identify threats to water resources
- Provide technical assistance or training to enhance the operation and maintenance of active landfills
- Provide technical assistance or training to help communities reduce the amount of solid waste coming into a landfill
- Provide technical assistance or training to prepare for closure and future use of a landfill site

These grants **cannot** be used to:

- Duplicate current services, or replace or substitute support or services already provided by a consultant during project development
- Duplicate assistance provided by the U.S. Forest Service
- Pay for capital assets, real estate, or vehicles
- Pay for construction, operation, or maintenance

- Improve or renovate office space, or repair or maintain private property
- A comprehensive list is available at <https://www.ecfr.gov>, under 7 CFR 1775.5

### **Are there terms for grants?**

- This is a nationally-competitive grant
- Projects must be completed within 12 months
- Grants are subject to the availability of funds

### **Are matching funds required?**

Matching funds are not required for this grant. However, applicant and in-kind contributions are encouraged.

### **Who currently participates in this program?**

A list of current Solid Waste Management Grant recipients is available at this link: <https://go.usa.gov/xM6Pe>.

### **How do we get started?**

- Application materials and resources can be found under the “To Apply” tab on the Solid Waste Management program webpage, available at this link: <https://go.usa.gov/xMwxT>.
- The annual application period for Solid Waste Management Grants is open from October 1 - December 31. Applications must be submitted using <https://www.grants.gov/>.

## Who can answer questions?

Contact the grant manager at  
[water-rd@usda.gov](mailto:water-rd@usda.gov).

## What governs this program?

- 7 CFR 1775 in the Code of Federal Regulations, available at this link:  
<https://www.ecfr.gov>
- Section 310B of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, available at this link:  
<https://go.usa.gov/xMwTC>

## Why does USDA Rural Development do this?

This program helps small communities and utilities better manage solid waste disposal.

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**NOTE: Because information changes, always consult official program instructions or contact your local Rural Development office for help. A list is available at this link: <https://go.usa.gov/xJHPE>. You will find additional resources, forms, and program information at <https://rd.usda.gov>. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.**