



Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District

Drop-off Improvement Grant (DIG) 2021



**Promoting Environmentally-Friendly Waste
Management Practices
Throughout Geauga and Trumbull Counties**

Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District

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Application for Recycling Drop-off Site Improvement Assistance

The Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste District offers over 40 locations for residents to bring their bottles and cans, etc. for recycling. The District partners with local governments, schools, and other entities to provide that service to the community. We know maintaining a recycling drop-off location can be challenging, and we want to help.

The Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District is accepting applications for site improvement funds for your local recycling drop-off site. These grants are offered to local governments (townships, villages, cities and counties), schools and other entities that provide district-sponsored drop-off site locations for recyclables.

How much funding can applicants receive?

Applicants can receive up to \$10,000 for improvements at their recycling site.

How much funding do applicants have to contribute?

Assistance requires a minimum 10% match from the entity hosting the site. For example, a site improvement project estimated at \$10,000 would require \$1,000 match from the community, and the District would provide the remaining \$9,000 for the project. The match can be in form of financial or in-kind services. Examples of in-kind services include labor, donated materials or other services.

The District provides a specified amount of money in the budget each year for the Recycling Drop-off Site Improvement Program. (For yearly funding amounts, contact the District office). **Funding is competitive. Requests may exceed funding, so there is no guarantee your application will be awarded.** Applications will be reviewed by a committee who will make award recommendations to the Board of Directors. **The application must be received via email or mail to the address listed above by Friday, February 26, 2021.**

Examples of potential projects (not all-inclusive):

- Gravel
- Concrete pad repair/replacement
- Fencing
- Additional lighting
- Security cameras to prevent illegal dumping
- Signage
- Gates

If you have an idea for an improvement that is not on this list, please CALL to discuss. We are open to new, innovative ideas!

How will the application be judged?

The following are some but not all of the criteria the committee will use to judge the applications:

- The project fits into the District goals as outlined in the solid waste management plan.
- The application shows a clear idea of the scope of the project and a plan for implementation.
- The application describes how the project will be publicized and how it will educate the general public about the efforts of the applicant and the Geauga-Trumbull SWMD.
- Preference is given to applicants using local vendors – either in District, or in the State of Ohio.
- The program will be self-sufficient after the initial funding request.
- Organizations that have already received money may take a lower priority.
- The project would be a viable demonstration project so information could be shared with other communities in the District.

****May attach additional sheets if necessary****

1) Organization, Agency, or Business Information

Applicant Organization:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Fax:	
Tax ID #	
Authorizing Official Name & Title:	
Authorizing Official Email:	
Contact Person Name & Title:	
Contact Person Phone:	
Contact Person Email:	

Signature of Authorizing Official _____ Date

By signing above, I hereby certify that the information provided in this application is true and accurate. I further certify that I possess the authority to apply for this grant on behalf of the applicant.

4) Products/Services Needed: Provide a list of products and/or services to be purchased. Give a brief description of the item including price, quantity, and vendor.

Product/Service	Vendor	Description

*If applicable, please include price quote with proof of % recycled content and type for items listed above.

5) Financial Information: Please complete a detailed summary of project costs that will equal the grant request plus match amount. Please state how the match will be funded.

Product/Service	Unit Cost	Quantity	Total Cost	Grant Funds Requested	Match Funds
			Total Project Cost	Total Grant Request	Total Match Funds

How remaining cost will be funded *

6) Reporting: Please indicate who will be responsible for signing the grant agreement, overseeing grant funds, and providing a closeout report.

Name & Title

Phone & email address

Timeline and Recordkeeping

All applicants selected to receive grant funding from the Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District will sign an agreement form before commencement of project. The project must be completed within one (1) year from the date of the award. Any grants that go beyond these completion dates may be revoked. A grant closeout report will be required by all applicants who receive grant funding at the end of the grant project.

This is a reimbursement grant. Your organization pays everything upfront for your project, and when it is complete you will submit a letter requesting reimbursement. Copies of all invoices, receipts, and proof of payment is required. There must be an audit trail consisting of receipts that account for all used funds.

Recognition

As part of the award, the District is asking for recognition of grant funding with signage/recognition at the project site. If you have any questions about this requirement, please let us know.

Questions?

If there are any questions regarding this application, please feel free to contact the Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District for assistance. Completed applications should be emailed, faxed, or mailed to:

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2021

Examples of funded 2020 Drop-off Improvement Grants:

Warren Township – Reopen recycling drop-off site

Warren Township closed their recycling drop-off site in 2018 due to excessive illegal dumping. DIG funds were used to purchase security cameras, additional lighting, and signage to allow them to reopen their site. There has been no significant dumping at the site since it reopening.

Due to COVID-19, many of the 2020 grantees have postponed implementing their grant activities until 2021. All grants awarded in 2020 now have extended deadlines until December 2021. We look forward to seeing so many of the delayed projects being accomplished in 2021

Examples of projects awarded but not yet funded:

Kinsman Township – Recycling sample box

Kinsman Township requested funds to construct a sample box to be put on display at their recycling drop-off site. The box would show the items accepted in the recycling bins and those that are not, hopefully reducing contamination in our recycling bins.

Vienna Township – Roadway cleanup supplies

Vienna Township is partnering with a local school system to start an annual roadside litter cleanup. They requested funds to purchase equipment, such as litter grabbers, vests, gloves, garbage bags, etc., to assist in getting this new event established.