



Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District

# **Go Green Community Grant 2023**



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

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### Application for Go Green Community Grant

The Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District is accepting applications to support recycling and litter prevention programs through Go Green Community Grants. These grants are offered to local government (townships, cities, villages, counties), schools, and nonprofit organizations to initiate or expand recycling, to purchase recycling or waste containers, to purchase items made from recycled content materials, to perform cleanup activities, or to conduct an approved demonstration project. Grants will have a maximum award amount of \$3,500 per application. All organizations will be limited to one application per year. Pre-approved purchases will be reimbursed by the district at completion of project.

The District provides a specified amount of money in the budget each year for the Go Green Community Grant 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 at the email or address listed above by Friday, February 17, 2023.**

Examples of potential projects (not all-inclusive):

- Trash disposal costs for illegal dumpsite cleanup
- Educational materials/signage to increase and improve recycling
- Trash disposal costs for community cleanups - **\*must be in conjunction with an electronics collection**
- Electronic transportation and disposal costs for community collection - **\*the District will not be providing box trucks this year. You may use grant funds to pay for box truck rental costs.**
- Recycling containers for city hall, township buildings, parks, etc.
- Litter cleanup supplies – litter grabbers, vests, etc.
- Community paper shredding event
- Supplies to start a school compost program
- School-generated recycling and/or litter prevention projects in which learners engage in hands-on activities and become actively involved in recycling and/or sustainability projects.
- Field trips/school educational assemblies - i.e. field trip to landfill, field trip to materials recovery facility (recycling processing center), guest speaker for school assembly
- School professional development - cost to train teachers in various recycling/litter prevention programs or to conduct other related education workshops or in-services.

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

### Examples of funded Go Green Community Grants:

**Warren Township – Illegal dumpsite cleanup, Electronics collection**

**Champion Township – Community Cleanup Day**

**City of Chardon – Recycling and Trash receptacles for “on the Square”**

**Chester Park District – Park benches made of recycled plastic**

**City of Niles – Electronics collection**

**Parkman Township – Cameras and signage for drop-off site**

**Kinsman Township – Recycling sample box**

**Vienna Township – Volunteer supplies (vests litter grabbers, etc.) for annual roadway cleanups**

### 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 or have an alternate funding source may take a lower priority.
- The project would be a viable demonstration project so information could be shared with other communities in the District.

### Timeline and Recordkeeping

All applicants selected to receive grant funding from the Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District will sign an agreement before commencement of project. **NO MATERIALS MAY BE ORDERED/PURCHASED OR CONTRACTOR AWARDED WORK BEFORE THE GRANT CONTRACT IS SIGNED.**

Project must be completed and reimbursement requested by November 30, 2023. Any grants that go beyond this completion date 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 up front 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 project funds, grant funds and match funds.

### Acknowledgement

As part of the award, you will be required to show recognition of grant funding with signage/recognition at the project site or if an event, District logo and funding tagline included in all advertisements. Signage and advertisement costs can be reimbursed through the grant. **Signage design must be pre-approved by District staff before installation.**

**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 17, 2023**

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

**1) Organization, Agency, or Business Information**

Applicant Organization:	
Mailing Address, City, Zip:	
Phone:	
Fax:	
Authorizing Official Name & Title:	
Authorizing Official Email:	

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

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Name & Title

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Phone & email address

**3) Description of physical location where project and/or equipment will be utilized. Please include who will have access to the project and/or equipment.**

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- 4) **Project Narrative:** Provide a brief description of your project, the need for the project, and what the goal of the project will be. Please include how the project will initiate or expand upon a recycling program, promote recycling efforts and/or waste reduction within Geauga or Trumbull Counties, or utilize recycled content materials for community purposes. Also include the timeline of the project and how it will be accomplished. (Project must be completed and reimbursement requested by November 30, 2023.)

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- 5) **Public Participation/Outreach:** Describe what audience will be directly influenced by this project as well as how it might affect other audiences within Geauga or Trumbull Counties. Include any public outreach that the applicant will provide during the course of the project (including newspaper articles, educational material, presentations, dedications, etc.).

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- 6) **Recognition:** As part of the award, you will be required to show recognition of grant funding in the advertisement of your event (if applicable), or with signage/recognition at the project site.

Please acknowledge this requirement by initialing here: \_\_\_\_\_

**7) Products/Services Needed: Provide a list of products and/or services to be purchased. Give a brief description of the item including % recycled content (if purchasing recycled benches, tables, etc.). Recycled content items must have a minimum of 50%-recycled materials. Attach quotes if you have them. \*If applicable, please include vendor quotes with proof of % recycled content and type for items listed above.**

Product/Service	Vendor <small>*if already chosen</small>	Description	Recycled Content % <small>*if purchasing benches, etc.</small>

**8) Financial Information: Please complete a detailed summary of project costs that will equal the grant request. If project costs exceed the grant amount requested, please state how the overage will be funded. \*If there is no remaining cost please mark N/A in this section.**

Product/Service	Unit Cost \$	Quantity	Total Cost \$	Grant Funds Requested \$	Grantee Remaining Cost* \$
			Total Project Cost	Total Grant Request <small>*max \$3,500</small>	Total Remaining Cost

By signing below, 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.

**9) Signature**

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Signature of Authorizing Official

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Date