



Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District

Go Green Community Grant 2024



**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 offers grant funding to support recycling and litter prevention programs throughout Geauga and Trumbull Counties. These grants are offered to local government (townships, cities, villages, counties), schools, and nonprofit organizations to initiate or expand recycling, to purchase recycling containers, to purchase items made from recycled content, 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 the 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. The application must be received at the email or address listed above by Friday, February 2, 2024.**

Examples of potential projects (not all-inclusive):

- Trash disposal costs for illegal dumpsite cleanup.
- Educational materials/signage to increase and improve recycling.
- Event costs (including trash disposal) for community recycling/cleanups - ***must be in conjunction with an electronics collection.**
- Electronic transportation and disposal costs for community electronics 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 composting 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 Local Schools – Outdoor Learning Center composting area

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

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 the 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 June 30, 2025. 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 for everything up front for your project, and when it is complete you will submit a letter requesting reimbursement. Copies of all invoices, receipts, proof of payment, and evidence of Geauga-Trumbull funding acknowledgement 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. **All grant projects must have proof of funding acknowledgement. If you are unsure of how you can meet this requirement, contact Jennifer Jones, Director.** 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 2, 2024

**Applications will be available to download or apply online by
October 1, 2023.**

<https://startrecycling.com/community-grants/>