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- Litter Reduction and Recycling
- Illegal Dumpsite Cleanup Program
- Landfill Disposal Fee Rebate Program
- Waste Reduction and Recycling
- Scrap Tire Grants

Litter Reduction and Recycling Grant Program

GRANT FUNDING TO REDUCE LITTER, PROMOTE RECYCLING, AND PROVIDE EDUCATION.

Funding available: Average of \$1.8 million is available for grant funding each year.

Awarded in 2020: \$1.7 million for 51 grants projects.

Funding source: An annual fee assessed to manufacturers, wholesalers, and retailers of products that commonly contribute to litter.

3 grant categories:

- Cleanup
- Recycling
- Public Education



Cleanups

SUPPORTS LITTER CLEANUPS OF PUBLIC ROADS AND HIGHWAYS, RECREATION LANDS, URBAN AREAS, AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES.



Photos provided by Keep Beatrice Beautiful

Cleanup

Who can apply?

- Political subdivisions
- Public & private entities
- Organizations

Project examples:

- Cleanup activities for:
 - Public Spaces
 - Parks
 - Highways and Roadways

What does this program fund?

- Supplies and reimbursement of up to \$50 per mile and \$10 an acre.

Matching funds:

- No match requirement for cleanup grants.



Recycling

SUPPORT NEW OR IMPROVED COMMUNITY
RECYCLING AND SOURCE REDUCTION PROGRAMS.



Photos provided by Angels on Wheels



Recycling

Who can apply?

- Political subdivisions
- Public & private entities
- Organizations

Project examples:

- Funding for equipment such as balers, shredders, concrete crushers, forklift, trucks, trailers, recycling bins, and containers.
- Funding for personnel costs and operating expenses for recycling centers or other projects.
- Other projects include funding for pharmaceutical take-back events, electronic waste, and household hazardous waste collection events.

Matching funds:

- Matching funds are not required, but provide points on your application in the scoring process.



Public Education

SUPPORTS PROGRAMS THAT PROMOTE RECYCLING AND LITTER REDUCTION EDUCATION.



Photos provided by Keep Alliance Beautiful

Public Education

Who can apply?

- Political subdivisions
- Public and private entities
- Organizations

Project examples:

- Public education programs to reduce waste and litter, and to encourage reuse and recycling.
- Educational activities, environmental programs, and after-school programs.
- Food waste reduction and composting projects.

This program doesn't fund:

- Beautification expenses, or projects such as painting, building enhancements, trees, planting, or landscaping.

Matching funds:

- Matching funds are not required, but provide points on your application in the scoring process.

For more information on the Litter Reduction and
Recycling Grant Program contact:

ndeq.wastegrants@nebraska.gov



Illegal Dumpsite Cleanup Program

Funding source: The Nebraska Legislature enacted LB495 in 1997 to provide funding for this program. The funds come from 5% of the municipal solid waste landfill disposal fees collected and averages \$145,000 each year.

Who can apply: Any political subdivision is eligible: cities, counties, public power districts, solid waste agencies, and natural resources districts.

What costs are eligible: Labor, equipment usage, vehicle mileage, disposal fees, or contractual payments to clean up illegal dumpsites. The cleanup of randomly littered paper, plastic, or aluminum cans is not eligible for this program. The illegal dumpsite must be in or along a public roadway or roadside ditch.



Landfill Disposal Fee Rebate Program

Program history: The Landfill Disposal Fee Rebate Program was created as an incentive to political subdivisions to support and encourage the purchasing of products, materials, or supplies which are manufactured or produced from recycled material.

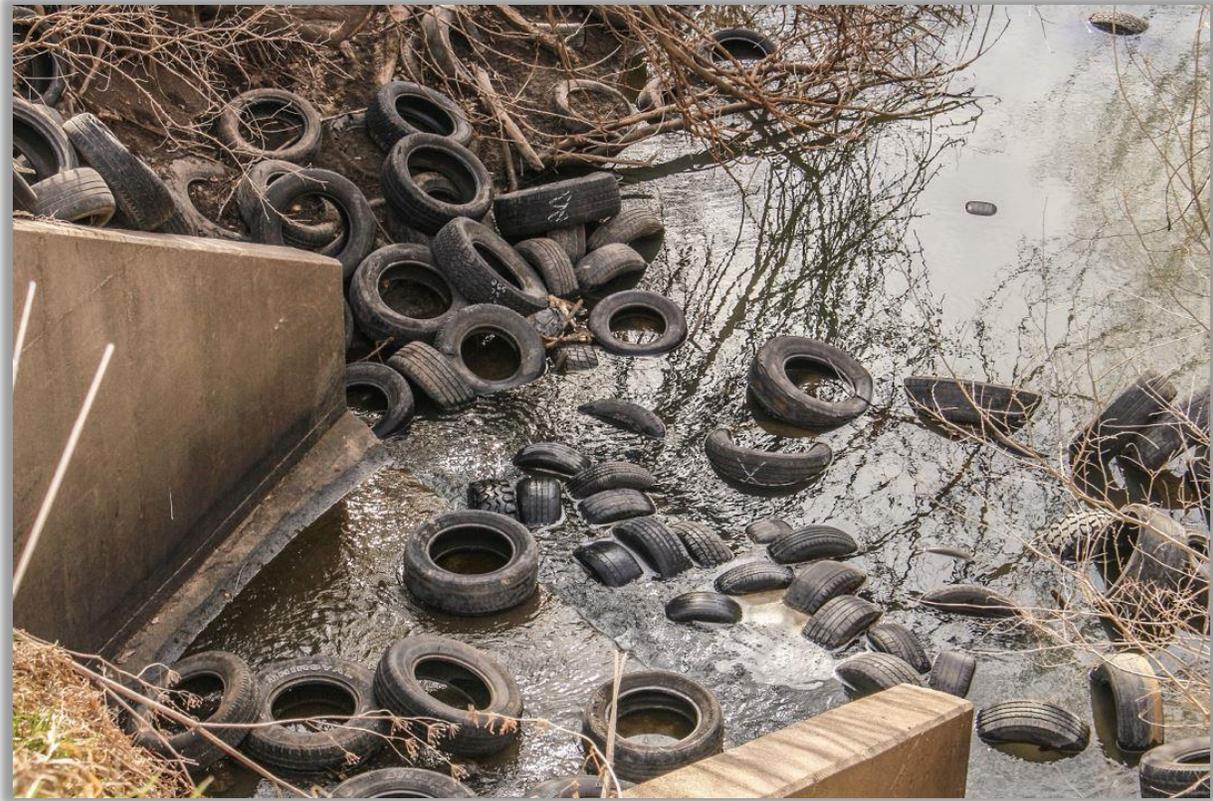
Funding source: The program was created in 1994. Funding is drawn from the Waste Reduction & Recycling Incentive fund.

Who can apply: Any municipality or county may apply for a rebate once they have submitted a written purchasing policy requiring a preference for purchasing products, material, or supplies which are manufactured or produced from recycled material.

What costs are eligible: Once the policy has been approved by the Department, the applicant is eligible for a 10 cent rebate on the \$1.25 per ton disposal fee. The rebate is applied for, approved, and paid on a time basis agreed upon by the applicant and the Department, but no more often than quarterly.

For information on the Illegal
Dumpsite or Landfill Disposal Fee
programs contact:

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Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Grants Program

FUNDING TO ASSIST IN FINANCING INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

Program history: The Nebraska Legislature passed the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Act in 1990.

2 Grant categories:

- Business Fee
- Disposal Fee (includes Scrap Tire and Deconstruction of Abandoned Buildings Grants)

Funding sources:

- Business Fee: fee on sales of tangible personal property.
- Disposal Fee: 50% of the \$1.25 per ton fee collected on solid waste disposed of in permitted landfills. Also partially funded by the \$1/tire collected on the sale of new tires in Nebraska.

Disposal Fee

Awarded in 2020: \$1.4 mil. awarded for 14 Disposal Fee grant projects.

Who can apply: Political subdivisions.

Types of projects that we have funded in the past:

- Household hazardous waste events.
- Household hazardous waste facilities.
- Electronic waste clean-up events.
- School science room chemical clean-outs.
- Roll-off containers and other recycling collection and processing equipment.
- Assistance for cardboard curbside collection programs.
- Paper, plastic, glass, and metal recycling programs.
- Transportation of recyclables to markets.



Disposal Fee



Photos provided by Nebraska City
Utilities

Disposal Fee



Lunchroom food collection program. Unwanted food will be composted. Photos taken by Lincoln Public Schools – Brittany Albin

Business Fee

Awarded in 2020: \$828,000 awarded to 18 Business Fee grant projects.

Who can apply: Individuals, businesses, schools, and political subdivisions.

Types of projects that we have funded in the past:

- Household hazardous waste events.
- Electronic waste collections.
- Waste oil heaters.
- Trucks and equipment for composting projects.
- Tub grinders and brush chippers for mulch.
- Pharmaceutical take-back events.
- Recycling centers and costs to transport recyclables.



Business Fee



Photos provided by Grand Island Area Clean Community System. Photos show household hazardous waste ready to be shipped for disposal, along with this organization's very successful "Swap Shop" for unwanted household products.



Business Fee



Photos on the right taken at Horizon Biofuel

Photo above take at Gretna Sanitation

For more information on the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Grant Program contact:

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Scrap Tire Grant Program

Funding for scrap tire programs and projects

Types of projects:

- Partial Reimbursement for the Purchase of Tire-Derived Products and/or Crumb Rubber.
- Scrap Tire Collection Site Cleanups for Political Divisions.
- Cost-Sharing for Scrap Tire Processing, Manufacturing, and Civil Engineering Uses.
- Capital and Startup Costs for Processing, Manufacturing, Collecting, and Transporting Scrap Tires.

Funding source: \$1 per tire fee on the sale of new tires in Nebraska.

Funding available: \$1.5 - \$2 million awarded per year.



Partial Reimbursement for the Purchase of Tire-Derived Products and/or Crumb Rubber

Examples of projects:

- Rubber mulch.
- Playground rubber tiles.
- Poured-in-Place surfaces.
- Benches and picnic tables.
- Artificial turf football, soccer, or baseball fields.
- Athletic running tracks.



To be eligible: Projects must be made of at least 25% recycled tire rubber.

Who can apply: Political subdivisions, organizations, and individuals.

If awarded, how much the grant will reimburse:

- Rubber mulch – up to 50% of the mulch and freight costs.
- All other projects – up to 25% of the products and installation costs.
 - Installation costs do not include any concrete work, tearing out old, or other construction costs.



Photo provided by the City of Norfolk. This poured-in-place playground surface used around 37,000 lbs. of recycled tire rubber.

Scrap Tire Cleanup Events

Who can apply: Political subdivisions .

Examples of project: Scrap tire cleanup event.

If awarded, how much the grant will reimburse:

- Hauler costs: loading, transporting, and processing/tipping fees for removing scrap tires from the collection site.
- Labor costs for two employees to monitor the required cleanup sign-in log, during the hours the cleanup event is open.
- Advertising.



Photo provided by the Papio Missouri River NRD. 459 tons of tires were collected from a 2017 event.

Cost-Sharing for Scrap Tire Processing, Manufacturing, and Civil Engineering Uses

Who can apply: Individuals, political subdivisions, and organizations.

Examples of projects: Purchase of tire chips to use around septic tanks or other civil engineering purposes.

If awarded, how much the grant will reimburse: Up to \$20/ton.

Capital and Startup Costs for Processing, Manufacturing, Collecting, and Transporting Scrap Tires

Who can apply: Organizations, political subdivisions, and individuals.

Examples of project:

- Equipment to shred, grind, and process scrap tires into crumb rubber.
- Equipment to produce rubber-modified asphalt.
- Equipment to collect and haul scrap tires.

If awarded, how much the grant will reimburse: 50% of the cost with a required 50% cash match.

Awarded Scrap Tire Grants



Scrap Tire Grants Awarded in 2020

77 grants, just over \$1.8 million:

- 33 scrap tire cleanup events proposing to cleanup 5,171 tons of scrap tires.
- 43 partial reimbursements for the purchase of tire derived products.
- 1 grant to fund 50% of the cost of equipment used to process scrap tires.

Photo provided by Chadron State College, who was partially reimbursed in 2020 for the installation of an artificial turf football field. 305,000 pounds of recycled tire rubber were used in this project.

For more information on Scrap Tire grants contact:

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Deconstruction of Abandoned Buildings

GRANT ASSISTANCE FOR THE REMOVAL OF ABANDONED BUILDINGS

Deconstruction not demolition

- Deconstruction: the physical dismantlement of a building's components to recover the materials for reuse or recycling.
- Materials such as metal, lumber, bricks, or fixtures can be salvaged for reuse.

Funding source: 50% of the \$1.25 per ton fee on solid waste disposed of in permitted landfills.

Who can apply? Nebraska cities of the second class, villages, and counties with a population of 5,000 or less.

Awarded in 2020: \$186,662 for one project.



For more information on Deconstruction of
Abandoned Buildings grants contact:

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Five minute break
for questions.

Waste and Litter Grant Application

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Select "Create New Grant Application" below to begin the grant application.

 [Create New Grant Application](#)

 Listing of incomplete Waste/Litter Grant application that have yet to be submitted

Select Tracking # link to continue filling out a previously started waste grant application.

Tracking #	Application #	First Name	Last Name
202000076	2082	DISPOSAL FEE POLISUB	TEST
202000073	2079	EXAMPLE?	COSTSHARING
202000055	2061	EXAMPLE	APPLICATION

 Listing of submitted Waste/Litter Grant application.

Select Tracking # link to continue filling out a previously started waste grant application.

Tracking #	Application #	First Name	Last Name	
202000088	2094	EXAMPLE	APPLICATION	Withdraw

 Listing of Waste/Litter Grant application that have been completed

Select Tracking # link to retrieve completed waste grant application.

Tracking #	Application #	First Name	Last Name
202000088	2094	EXAMPLE	APPLICATION

2021 grants will open early August 2020 with a deadline of early September 2020. Check our webpage for updates.

Who to contact for more information:

Litter Reduction and Recycling Grants

402-471-4242

Waste Reduction and Recycling
Grants

402-471-3457

Scrap Tire Grants

402-471-2480

Illegal Dumpsite Cleanup & Landfill
Disposal Fee Rebate Program

402-471-2436



Dept. of Environment and Energy main number: 402-471-2186