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Community Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste Grant Program Annual Report

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The Recycling, Education, and Quality Assurance Section within the Office of Program Support provides financial and technical assistance to develop recycling activities through two means: the Solid Waste Management Fund (SWMF) (IC 13-20-22-2), and the Recycling Market Development Program (RMDP) (IC 4-23-5.5-14). The SWMF is established to provide money in part for grants that promote recycling, waste reduction, management of yard waste, and household hazardous waste source reduction or recycling. Previous recycling grants offered through the SWMF were suspended in 2008. As such, the Community Recycling Grant Program (CRGP) was developed and launched in 2019 to fulfill the goal of the SWMF. The CRGP complements the RMDP, which focuses on recycling projects that further market development, job creation, and economic stability.

The CRGP aims to assist communities' efforts to increase recycling and waste reduction by working with solid waste management districts (SWMDs), counties, municipalities, schools, and nonprofit organizations located in Indiana.

The total revenue received for the Solid Waste Management Fund for FY 2022 was **\$2,322,904**.

Projects awarded funding through the CRGP must accomplish at least one of the following:

1. Start or expand recycling, source reduction, reuse, buy-recycled, or composting program.
2. Offer a new service, collect new material, and/or serve a new area through the establishment of a new permanent service.
3. Improve efficiency and sustainability over current program practices through increased volumes of materials collected, better processing of materials, cost savings, and resource conservation.

Funding for the SWMF and RPAF comes from the Solid Waste Management Fee (IC 13-20-22-1). The fee consists of \$0.50 per ton charge on solid waste, which includes municipal solid waste (MSW), non-MSW, as well as construction and demolition debris (C&D) for final disposal at Indiana MSW landfills and incinerators. According to the statute, the revenues are evenly deposited into the Solid Waste Management Fund (SWMF) and the Recycling Promotion and Assistance Fund (RPAF).

A total of **\$465,068** was awarded for grants through the Community Recycling Grant Program in FY 2022.

The CRGP funding has gone to 18 projects, enabling communities to begin or expand their recycling education, collection, and processing. The projects are spread across 16 counties shown on the map below. The following 18 Indiana organizations received grant funding totaling \$465,068 to expand community recycling and household waste collection in Indiana:

- **City of Fishers, Hamilton County:** \$25,857.00 to provide residents composting bins and an area at their AgriPark (Agricultural Park) for residents to drop off their compostable materials. In addition, the department intends to purchase portable recycling units to be utilize during park events.

- **City of Hobart, Lake County:** \$30,000.00 to create a Recycle Right campaign for community education regarding what is accepted in the city's recycling. They will have a kickoff billboard, education inserts, door hangers, recognition yard signs, and "oops" friendly reminder contamination notices for residents.
- **City of Jasper – Street Department, Dubois County:** \$100,000.00 towards a new recycling truck. The new truck will allow the continuation of curbside pickup and will expand to now include the collection of colored glass, reducing the amount of glass going to the landfill.
- **City of South Bend, St. Joseph County:** \$26,756.00 for the purchase of a comprehensive yard waste education program to reduce contamination in yard waste. Improving yard waste recycling compliance will decrease the amount of yard waste that ends up in the landfill.
- **Clark County Recycling District, Clark County:** \$10,125.00 for creating a website landing page, cinema advertising, digital advertising, and e-newsletters for community education to increase awareness for county residents. The campaign is to bring recycling to the forefront of the public's mind and to decrease the amount of waste going to the landfill.
- **Dearborn Solid Waste Management District, Dearborn County:** \$17,139.00 to purchase three cardboard recycling drop boxes. The additional cardboard-only collection containers will allow for the busiest drop sites to increase the amount of cardboard collected.
- **DePauw University, Putnam County:** \$22,174.00 towards a new compactor for cardboard and ten heavy-duty poly box trucks for cardboard collection around campus. This will provide an efficient way to increase the collection of clean, dry cardboard to provide their recycling hauler.
- **Indiana State Fair Commission, Marion County:** \$100,000.00 to purchase 100 dual stream recycling and trash receptacles for use during the state fair and year-round events. The new receptacles are placed throughout the 250 acres and provide both text and pictures of items accepted for recycling.
- **Indianapolis Zoological Society, Inc., Marion County:** \$25,178.00 for the purchase of ten trash and recycling receptacles to expand services of the campus. It also includes the purchase of a vertical baler to divert shrink wrap from the landfill.
- **Miami County Solid Waste Management District, Miami County:** \$6,510.00 towards an education direct mailer to provide a comprehensive source of all the programs the district offers. Education will assist with reducing the contamination in collected materials.
- **Posey County Solid Waste Management District, Posey County:** \$7,337.00 towards education materials for both curbside and drop-off recycling, the purchase of 100 curbside bins, oil container, and recycled content benches.
- **reTHink, Inc., Vigo County:** \$12,747.00 towards expanding equipment in their plastic up-cycling workspace, develop training modules on up-cycling equipment, and educational workshops for K-12 students.

- **Southeastern Indiana Solid Waste District, Jefferson County (covers Franklin, Jefferson, Jennings, Ohio, Ripley, Scott, and Switzerland Counties):** \$24,247.00 to purchase an industrial paper shredder that will allow the solid waste management district to conduct the service themselves. Twelve locking security bins with hardware will be used to secure documents until they are shredded.
- **St. Bartholomew Church and School, Bartholomew County, Bartholomew County:** \$6,578.00 to purchase recycling and compost bins to reduce waste going to the landfill. Their project includes an educational component to involve students, staff, and families of their community.
- **Town of Mulberry, Clinton County:** \$3,750.00 to construct a concrete pad site for a recycling trailer and glass totes to be located. The new site will be a cleaner and safer place for all who use the recycling center.
- **Trustees of Indiana University, Marion County:** \$3,117.00 to purchase 115 kitchen countertop compost bins and 4,000 compostable bags to expand IUPUI's student resident compost collection program. This project will include educational components to introduce proper compost collection to three additional residential Halls on campus.
- **Washington County Solid Waste Management District, Washington County:** \$33,753.00 towards the purchase of a forklift, allowing for the movement of processing bales and to keep up the with amount of material being accepted, increasing the district's efficiency.
- **Wayne and Union Solid Waste Management District, Wayne County (covers Union and Wayne County):** \$9,800.00 towards hosting two additional events for Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Waste Collection from county residents. Previously, there was not a location for all residents of Wayne and Union County to dispose of the materials.

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EDUCATION & EQUIPMENT

1. reThink, Inc.
2. St. Bartholomew Church & School
3. Trustees of IU (IUPUI)



EDUCATION & OUTREACH

4. City of Hobart
5. City of South Bend
6. Clark County Recycling District
7. Miami County Recycling District
8. Posey County SWMD



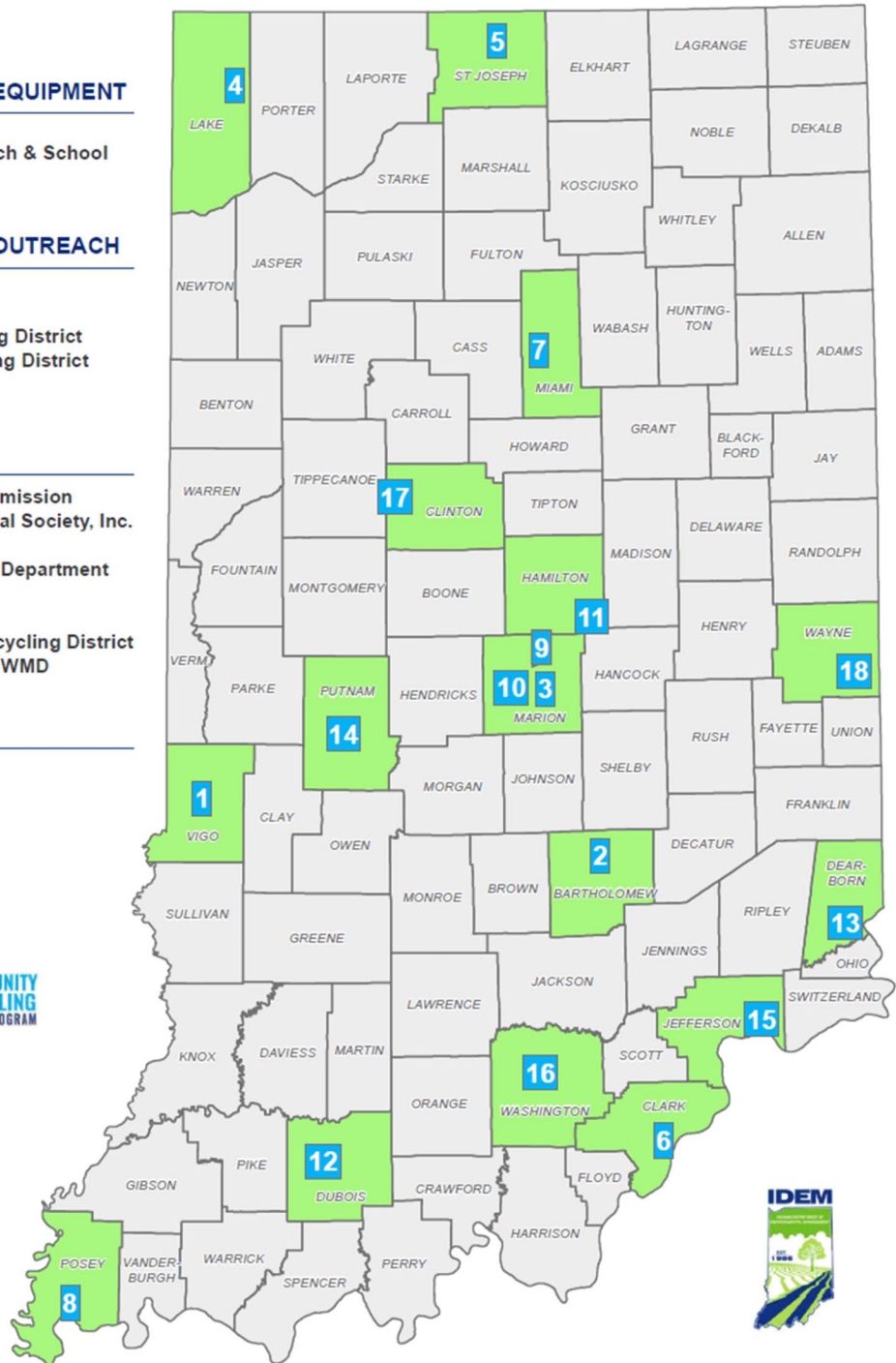
EQUIPMENT

9. Indiana State Fair Commission
10. Indianapolis Zoological Society, Inc.
11. City of Fishers
12. City of Jasper- Street Department
13. Dearborn SWMD
14. DePauw University
15. Southeastern Ind. Recycling District
16. Washington County SWMD



OTHER

17. Town of Mulberry
18. WUR SWMD



Since 2020, a total of \$1,438,780.00 was awarded for grants through the Community Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste Grant Program. The CRGP funding has gone to a total of 73 projects, in 44 different counties, enabling communities to begin or expand their recycling education, collection, and processing of municipal solid waste and household hazardous waste.