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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 **\$2,449,342.**

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 **\$513,593** was awarded for grants through the Community Recycling Grant Program in FY 2023.

The CRGP funding has gone to 16 projects, enabling communities to begin or expand their recycling education, collection, and processing. The projects are spread across 15 counties, as shown on the map below. The following Indiana organizations received grant funding totaling \$513,593 to expand community recycling and household waste collection in Indiana:

- **Brown County Solid Waste Management District, Brown County:** \$28,710.00 for the purchase of a steel and aluminum can crusher and sorter. The new can crusher and sorter will increase processing by 30%, increase processing volumes, and divert more from the landfill.
- **Carmel Clay Schools, Hamilton County:** \$15,000.00 to establish a food composting program at each building in the school district. This project will allow all 15 schools to reduce waste, create a more sustainable facility and educate staff and students on the benefits of composting food waste.
- **City of Elwood, Madison County:** \$13,620.00 towards a new vertical baler for cardboard. The new baler will greatly improve the recycling centers efficiency in dealing with the increase of cardboard waste.
- **City of Portage, Porter County:** \$72,130.00 to provide 1,902 residents with recycling bins. This project will include educational component listing eligible recyclable materials for residents to reduce contamination.
- **City of Valparaiso, Porter County:** \$11,775.00 towards an educational campaign to increase recycling efforts, reduce amount going into the landfill, and reduce contamination.
- **Crawford County Solid Waste Management District, Crawford County:** \$4,946.00 to provide recycling bins for each classroom in Crawford County schools, government offices and business offices. Bins will also be provided at athletic events, festivals, and community events.
- **Dubois County Solid Waste Management District, Dubois County:** \$2,017.00 to purchase corrugated plastic totes to expand and improve recycling paper products in schools. Totes are used in schools to collect paper products for recycling.
- **Gibson County Solid Waste Management District, Gibson County:** \$1,000.00 to purchase freon evacuation equipment and training. The equipment and certification will allow the district to safely and properly collect materials that contain freon from county residents.
- **Hancock County Solid Waste Management District, Hancock County:** \$15,300.00 to purchase two 20-yard containers for collecting glass.
- **Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana, Marion County (Includes all campus locations throughout the state):** \$96,600.00 towards recycling bins to 60 Ivy Tech locations throughout the state. Bins will be deployed at desks, common areas, and collection carts at each location. This project will include educational components to listing eligible recyclable materials.
- **Jay County Solid Waste Management District, Jay County:** \$48,528.00 for a bailer, skid steer, and electrical upgrade to utilize in the cardboard program. The new bailer will reduce the amount of space needed by 50%, save hauling fees and provide more recycling opportunities to residents.
- **Lawrenceburg High School, Dearborn County:** \$12,779.00 towards equipment and supplies to create a plastic up-cycling program. The classroom program focuses on STEM activities, waste reduction, and process improvements in plastic panel manufacturing.

- **Shelby County Recycling District, Shelby County:** \$35,531.00 to purchase an industrial paper shredder that will allow documents to be destroyed and the paper recycled by the district. Marketing for the new service provided will be made to county residents.
- **Teachers' Treasures Inc, Marion County:** \$93,137.00 to purchase equipment and supplies used for rehoming donated, repurposed, and new items for use in classrooms. Additionally, they will divert more waste and materials from entering a landfill, with a focus on recycling outdated books, textbooks, manuals, curriculum materials, and other paper products used in classrooms.
- **Wabash College, Montgomery County:** \$34,920.00 to purchase and install 18 metal outdoor recycling bins across the Wabash College campus. The bins will be supported by educational signage to inform the community of eligible recyclable materials.
- **Warren County Recycling Center, Warren County:** \$27,600.00 for two cardboard balers to increase productivity, efficiency, and expand the service for Warren County residents.

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EDUCATION & EQUIPMENT

1. Carmel Clay Schools
2. City of Portage
3. Jay County SWMD
4. Lawrenceburg Community School Corp (Lawrenceburg High School)
5. Wabash College



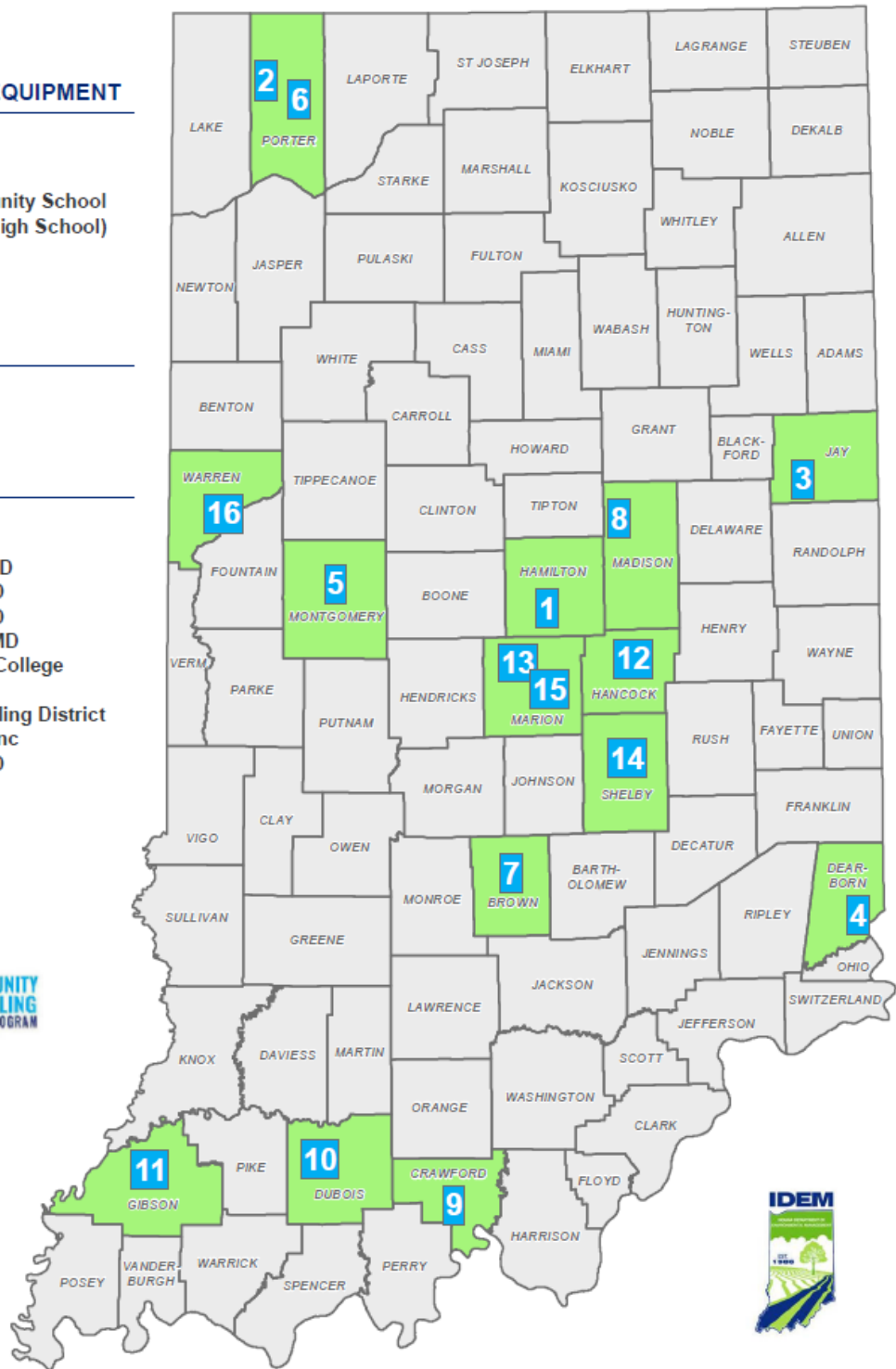
EDUCATION

6. City of Valparaiso



EQUIPMENT

7. Brown County SWMD
8. City of Elwood
9. Crawford County SWMD
10. Dubois County SWMD
11. Gibson County SWMD
12. Hancock County SWMD
13. Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana
14. Shelby County Recycling District
15. Teachers' Treasures Inc
16. Warren County SWMD



Since 2020, a total of \$1,952,373.00 has been awarded for grants through the Community Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste Grant Program. The CRGP funding has gone to a total of 89 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.