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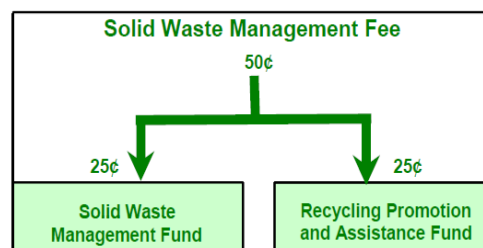


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The Recycling, Education, and Quality Assurance Section within the Office of Program Support provides financial and technical assistance to develop recycling activities through two means: the Community Recycling Grant Program (IC 13-20-22-2) and the Recycling Market Development Program (RMDP) (IC 4-23-5.5-14). These programs work to reduce solid waste disposal and increase Indiana's recyclable material manufacturing capacity, as well as increase the use of recycled content products by working with local units of government, solid waste management districts, schools, nonprofits, businesses, and recycling industries. Promoting the concept of collecting, using, and producing recycled materials in Indiana is a means of supporting the agency's initiatives of job creation and economic stability leading to environmental stewardship of natural resources.

Funding for the Programs 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. Total revenue received for the Solid Waste Management Fee for FY 2019, was \$4,705,382. According to statute, the revenues are evenly deposited into the Solid Waste Management Fund (SWMF) and the Recycling Promotion and Assistance Fund (RPAF).

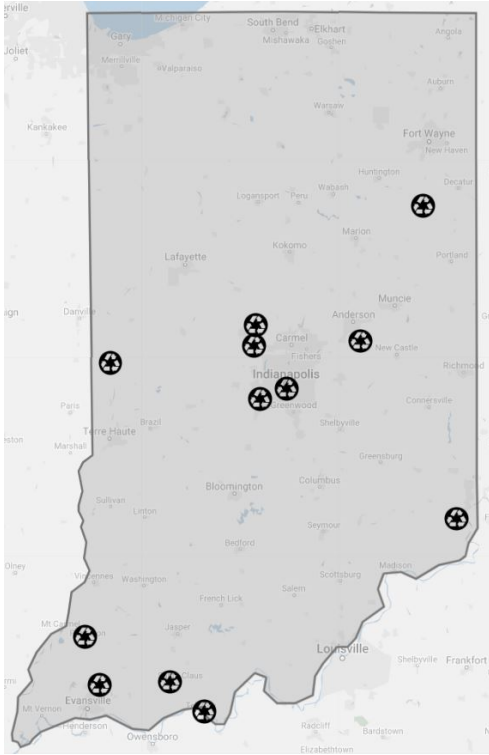
The RPAF supports the Recycling Market Development Program. The RMDP offers grants to eligible Indiana businesses, local government, and nonprofit organizations. Funding decisions for the RMDP projects are approved by the Recycling Market Development Board. The SWMF supports the Community Recycling Grant Program. This program has assisted communities by allocating funding for Public Recycling, Education and Promotion Grants, and School Recycling Learning Grants, but was suspended in 2008.



A total of \$1,000,000 was allocated and awarded for grants from the Recycling Market Development Program in FY 2019. No funds were allocated for grants from the Community Recycling Grant Program.

Twelve Indiana organizations received grant funding totaling \$1 million to expand recycling in the Hoosier state. The joint effort represents nearly \$9.3 million in expected total investments that will benefit the environment and result in the creation of up to 174 new jobs. The 12 recipients and their projects are as follows:

- **AgRecycle (Lamb Farms, Inc.), Boone County** – \$125,000 to expand operations and improve efficiencies within the composting business. The funding will go toward a new self-propelled compost turner. The project is projected to divert 5,000 tons of compostable materials from landfills.
- **Cox Recycling, Madison County** – \$120,000 toward equipment for an asphalt utilization project to expand asphalt recycling in Indiana. The project allows for the use of reclaimed asphalt currently received at the facility to manufacture a hot mix during the winter months for repair of potholes and utility cuts in road surfaces.



- **Dearborn County Solid Waste Management District, Dearborn County** – \$24,251 to purchase and install a compactor to be used to prepare comingled recyclable materials for processing. The additional equipment will allow the Dearborn County Recycling Center to more efficiently and cost effectively process and ship materials that it currently collects.

- **Electronic Recyclers International, Inc. (ERI), Hendricks County** – \$124,112 towards the purchase of a mobile electronics recycling shredding truck. In its first year, the project will reach at least 20 interested entities for a community outreach and education program that includes onsite training, mobile electronic recycling shredder truck demonstrations, and an e-recycling bin service.

- **Gibson County Solid Waste Management District, Gibson County** – \$10,000 toward the purchase of recycling totes for three local school systems and to expand education through a newly designed brochure to be printed and mailed to residents.

- **Heritage Hills High School, Spencer County** – \$6,677.50 toward the purchasing of 100% recycled content outdoor recycling containers, benches, and picnic tables. The purchase will be used to educate and expand recycling efforts to the outdoor areas of the high school campus.
- **IQ Fibers, LLC, Wells County** – \$125,000 towards the purchase and installation of a turn-key recycled paper sorting and processing line. The new system will help process lower grades of paper as well as allow for more effective and safe processing of existing grades of recycled paper. The project expects to divert 10,000 ton per year of paper from landfills.
- **Perry County Recycling Management District, Perry County** – \$16,340 toward the purchase of recycling trailers. The trailers will be used to improve and expand recycling capabilities at the county’s recycling drop-off locations.
- **Plastic Recycling, Inc., Marion County** – \$192,336 towards the purchase of a plastic compounding line that allows the company to implement an expanded program to collect plastic polymers from various Indiana and regional sources of scrap and increase the volume of pelletized finished material. The new line will increase current plastic recycling capacity by 7,500 tons/year.
- **PMG Tree Care and Landscape Company, Vanderburgh County** – \$120,000 towards the purchase of wood waste processing equipment to expand their operations. This project will allow PMG to contribute to the successful diversion of approximately 223,000 cubic yards of tree and pallet waste from the landfill annually.

- **Royal Interpack Midwest, Inc., Boone County** – \$117,082 towards a plastic recycling line to recycle plastic bottles (polyethylene terephthalate or PET) into containers, clamshells, and trays. This project will result in 25,000 tons of PET plastic being processed and diverted from landfills.
- **Vermillion County Board of Commissioners, Vermillion County** – \$19,201 to help fund the expansion of the county's Earth Day clean-up, including metal and electronics recycling, as well as two recycling bins for drop-off recycling at their county transfer facility.

For more information about recycling in Indiana and recycling resources, please visit the *Recycle Indiana* Web site at: [www.recycle.in.gov](http://www.recycle.in.gov) .