

Fiscal
Year
2025

Indiana Department of Environmental Management



Community Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste Grant Program

Annual Report

July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025

Prepared by:
The Indiana Community Recycling Grant Program
November 2024

The Recycling, Education, and Quality Assurance Section within the Office of Program Support provides financial and technical assistance to develop recycling activities through the Solid Waste Management Fund (SWMF) (IC 13-20-22-1), and the Recycling Promotion Assistance Fund (RPAF).

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. In 2019, the Community Recycling Grant Program (CRGP) was developed and launched to fulfill the goal of the SWMF.

The RPAF supports the Recycling Market Development Program. The RMDP works to reduce solid waste disposal, increase Indiana’s recyclable manufacturing capacity, and increase the use of recycled products by working with local units of government, solid waste management districts, schools, nonprofits, businesses, and recycling industries.

The total revenue received for the Solid Waste Management Fund for FY 2024 was \$2,572,864.

The purpose of the CRGP is to assist communities’ efforts to increase recycling and waste reduction by working with solid waste management districts (SWMDs), counties, municipalities, schools, universities, and nonprofit organizations located in Indiana.

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 \$495,000 was awarded for grants through the Community Recycling Grant Program in FY 2025.

FY2025 CRGP funding was awarded to 18 projects enabling communities to begin or expand recycling education, collection, and/or processing. The projects are located across 18 counties as shown on the map below. The following Indiana organizations received grant funding totaling \$495,008 to expand community recycling and household hazardous waste collection in Indiana:

- **Allen County Department of Environmental Management:** \$65,408 will be utilized to improve and secure the community drop-off program with concrete pads, two compactors, surveillance cameras, fencing, storage shed, and educational signage. The improved community drop-off program will help decrease contamination and increase the volume of recyclables collected.
- **Blackford County Solid Waste Management District:** \$6,188 was awarded to purchase a 30-yard container for use during household hazardous waste collection days and for general recyclables during the remainder of the year.
- **City of Rensselaer:** \$47,147 was awarded to purchase recycling and trash receptacles throughout their downtown area. A public education campaign was implemented to bring attention to the new receptacles for downtown visitors.
- **Clark County Solid Waste Management District:** \$59,550 is being utilized to purchase 1,092 curbside, 96-gallon recycling carts. The carts were distributed at no cost to residents who wanted to participate in curbside recycling.
- **Dubois County Solid Waste Management District:** \$11,221 awarded to increase the amount of properly recycled items at their eight staffed drop-off sites with container decals and signage. A new county-wide recycling brochure was sent to all households detailing what can be recycled and what to expect at the drop-off sites.
- **Eckhart Public Library:** \$13,013 will be utilized to purchase recycling and trash bins for the library campus and create bilingual educational materials. The education materials will focus on recycling and waste management for children, teens, and adults. In addition to education materials, education kits will be created, also focusing on recycling and waste management, containing hands-on activities, games, activity guides, and curriculum. The education kits can be borrowed, similar to borrowing a book, and will be available for checkout as part of the collection.
- **Eiteljorg Museum:** \$4,655 was awarded to purchase eight recycling containers to enhance sustainability efforts on the museum campus. The containers will be placed throughout the museum and outdoor areas and will increase the recycling of paper, plastic, and aluminum.
- **Jay County Solid Waste Management District:** \$5,183 will be used to purchase two self-dumping forklift hoppers, hinged lids, and plastic casters. The hoppers will assist in cardboard recycling, reduce contamination and improve efficiency of single stream recycling containers.

- **Marion Utilities:** \$2,062 will be utilized to purchase a forklift scale. The forklift improves the recycling center's ability to know the weights of each bale or gaylord of recyclables. Having the weight of each commodity allows for improved marketing of the collected materials.
- **Martin County Solid Waste Management District:** \$45,750 was awarded to purchase a skid steer for use when baling plastic and cardboard. The new equipment also increases production, is more efficient, and can be used for moving additional recyclables.
- **Opportunity Enterprises, Inc.:** \$46,201 will be utilized to purchase a hard drive shredder with discharge conveyor to completely disintegrate the storage device. The shredder can destroy both solid-state drives and hard disk drives. This ensures secure data destruction is completed before recycling the materials.
- **Rush County Solid Waste Management District:** \$4,068 will be used for printing and mailing out their new recycling guide to county residents. The new guide informs county residents of services provided and where items can be taken for recycling.
- **Solid Waste Management District of St. Joseph County:** \$2,000 was awarded to purchase a 40-foot shipping container for foam recycling.
- **Southeastern Indiana Solid Waste Management District:** \$100,000 will be utilized to purchase a hook lift truck for the seven counties the district serves. The hook lift truck is used for scrap metal containers throughout the seven counties.
- **Tri-township Consolidated Schools:** \$1,027 was utilized to purchase collection carts and bins for the gym, cafeteria, classrooms, and offices. The bins will cut down on waste being diverted to the landfill and raise awareness about the importance of recycling.
- **Trustees of Indiana University:** \$55,665 was awarded to purchase a grinder-dehydrator, 65-gallon totes, which are large carts with wheels and a secure lid, 55-gallon bins, and carts for collecting kitchen food preparation scraps. Organic waste will become highly concentrated organic material that can be used as a soil amendment on campus.
- **Trustees of Purdue University:** \$8,185 will be used to purchase eight mill food recycler bins, banners with displays, and scales to reduce the amount of food waste going to the landfill. The dry waste will be used as feed to livestock and for use as a soil additive on campus.
- **Washington County Solid Waste Management District:** \$17,685 was awarded to purchase a conveyor to assist with the increased volume of material being recycled. The new conveyor allows the district to have an additional conveyor resulting in increased efficiency and will allow the district to recycle a greater amount of material annually.

Since 2020, \$2,493,626 in funding has been awarded for grants through the Community Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste Grant Program. CRGP funding has been awarded to a total of 104 projects in 44 different counties, enabling communities to begin or expand recycling education, collection, and processing of municipal solid waste and household hazardous waste.

Fiscal Year 2025 IDEM Community Recycling Grants

Education

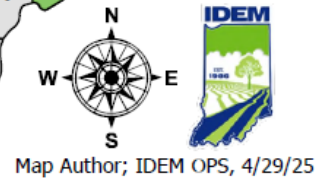
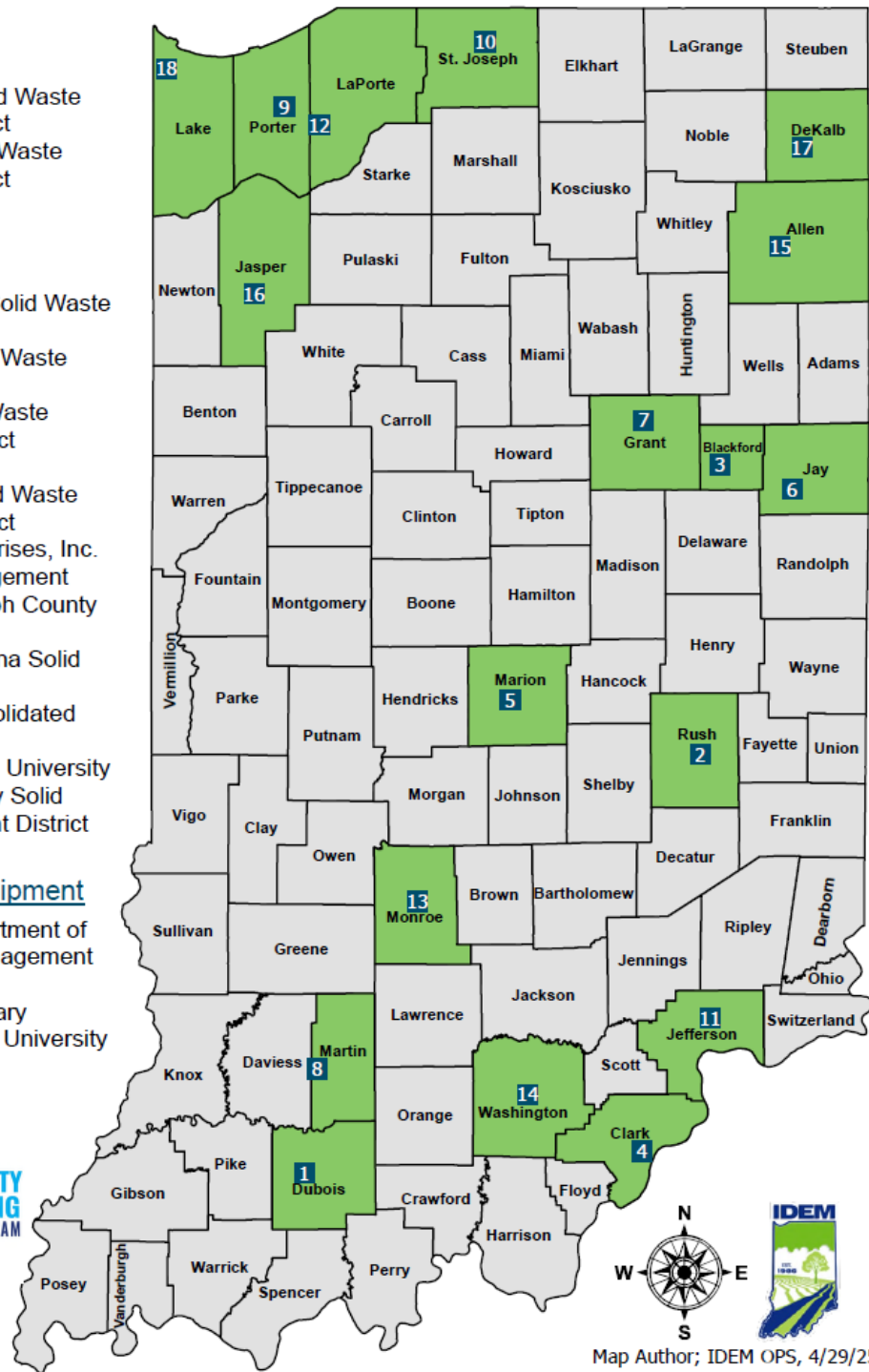
1. Dubois County Solid Waste Management District
2. Rush County Solid Waste Management District

Equipment

3. Blackford County Solid Waste District
4. Clark County Solid Waste
5. Eiteljorg Museum
6. Jay County Solid Waste Management District
7. Marion Utilities
8. Martin County Solid Waste Management District
9. Opportunity Enterprises, Inc.
10. Solid Waste Management District of St. Joseph County Indiana
11. Southeastern Indiana Solid Waste District
12. Tri-Township Consolidated Schools
13. Trustees of Indiana University
14. Washington County Solid Waste Management District

Education and Equipment

15. Allen County Department of Environmental Management
16. City of Rensselaer
17. Eckhart Public Library
18. Trustees of Purdue University (Northwest)



This map is intended to serve as an aid in graphic representation only. This information is not warranted for accuracy or other purposes.