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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 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 material 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 2023 was **\$2,596,849.**

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 **\$541,245** was awarded for grants through the Community Recycling Grant Program in FY 2024.

CRGP funding in FY2024 was awarded to 15 projects, enabling communities to begin or expand their recycling education, collection, and processing. The projects are spread across 14 counties, as shown on the map below. The following Indiana organizations received grant funding totaling \$541,245 to expand community recycling and household waste collection in Indiana:

- **Brown County Solid Waste Management District, Brown County:** \$8,363 for the purchase of a 40 cubic yard outdoor recycle container plus 10 plastic recycle boxes to go inside the container. The new equipment will be located at Deer Run Park in Nashville and will help with the increasing volume of recyclables collected at this location.
- **City of Nappanee:** \$100,000 to implement a city-wide curbside recycling program. Through the curbside recycling program, each household will receive a wheeled container for single stream recyclables that will be picked up every other week. The program will provide greater participation, easier access, and a cleaner community.
- **Clark County Recycling District:** \$12,173 to educate residents on “The Clark County Recycling Trail.” The purpose of the theme is to bring attention and awareness of the closed loop recycling process. This will be done with new signage, recycling mailers, and a video detailing the journey of recyclables from curb to material recycling facility.
- **Dearborn County Solid Waste Management District:** \$68,667 to purchase two trailers used in collecting glass, cartons, plastic, and steel cans, 10 bins, and a forklift. The additional bins will replace worn-out bins in current recycling trailers, and for their school and commercial recycling programs. The forklift will be used to remove bins from trailers during processing and move recyclable materials at the district’s drive-thru operation.
- **Floyd County Solid Waste Management District:** \$25,125 to expand school program and purchase a cardboard baler. The education programming will focus on the importance and benefits of recycling and provide take-home materials for students to share with their families. With the increased volume of cardboard collected, the baler will increase productivity and efficiency.
- **GardenQuest Inc.:** \$1,994 to purchase 30 bokashi composting bins, supplies, and hands-on educational training. Bokashi bins are used in household kitchen for food waste and organic matter composting. The containers will be offered to neighborhood “compost captains” in Monroe County who will assist their neighbors with reduction of food waste.
- **Henry County Solid Waste Management District:** \$8,363 for a multi-faceted education campaign with a fully redesigned website, direct mail, social media advertising and email newsletter as well as new recycling containers to be used at events.
- **Indianapolis Airport Authority:** \$100,000 to purchase paired trash and recycling receptacles for use within the Indianapolis International Airport terminal building. This will expand recycling options for visitors across IND’s terminal building, include informational signage, and potentially increase diversion of waste by an additional 15%.

- **Indianapolis Museum of Art (dba Newfields):** \$34,793 to purchase paired trash and recycling receptacles and informational signage to be placed in the cafeteria, museum, and the Virginia B. Fairbanks Art & Nature Park. This will expand recycling options for visitors across the entire Newfields campus and potentially increase diversion of waste by an additional 10%.
- **Johnson County Soil and Water Conservation District:** \$3,000 to purchase a woodchipper the district will use to process woody invasive species. All organic material processed by the district will be available for Johnson County schools, public parks, library branches, and residents. The project will divert the organic waste entering the waste stream by more than 1000 pounds a year, promote soil conservation with the distribution of mulch created, and reduce the impact of invasive species in the county.
- **Marshall County Solid Waste Management District:** \$18,844 for an education campaign to inform residents about recycling opportunities through print and radio, direct mailings, newsletters for all fourth-grade students, information tables at local festivals, billboards, and tours of the area MRF, transfer stations, and landfills.
- **Purdue University:** \$10,108 to expand their food waste collection program and standardize recycling signage on campus. Additionally, they will purchase 20 food collection carts to sustain the existing operations while allowing for expansion and collection of additional food waste from other campus generators. Clear and consistent waste infrastructure signage will be standardized to increase the collection of recyclable materials and reduce contamination in the recycling stream.
- **Recycling & Waste Reduction District of Porter County:** \$100,000 to purchase a self-contained trommel screener to use in their compost process. The screener will remove debris for a cleaner product with a potential to increase waste diversion by 15%.
- **Shelby County Recycling District:** \$22,954 to purchase equipment and marketing materials to start a residential food waste recovery program for county residents. Individual households can request a bucket from the district, collect their food waste, and drop it off at the facility. The material collected will be composted to make a rich organic material that will be applied to farm fields in Shelby County.
- **Sullivan County Solid Waste Management District:** \$26,861 to purchase two roll-off glass collection containers, signage and promotion materials, and a cardboard baler. Reducing glass and cardboard has the potential to increase waste diversion by 30%.

Since 2020, a total of \$2,493,618. has been awarded for grants through the Community Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste Grant Program. The CRGP funding has gone to a total of 104 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.

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Education

1. Clark County Solid Waste

Education and Outreach

2. Marshall County SWD

Equipment

3. Brown County SWMD

4. City of Nappanee

5. Dearborn County SWMD

6. Indianapolis Airport Authority

7. Johnson County Soil and Water Conservation District

8. Recycling and Waste Reduction District of Porter County

Equipment and Education

9. GardenQuest INC.

10. Henry County SWMD

11. Indianapolis Museum of Art (Newfields)

12. Sullivan County Recycling Center

13. Trustees of Purdue University

14. Shelby County Recycling District

Equipment, Education, and Outreach

15. Floyd County SWMD

