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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 2021 was **\$2,370,574**.

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 **\$444,435** was awarded for grants through the Community Recycling Grant Program in FY 2021.

The CRGP funding has gone to 21 projects, enabling communities to begin or expand their recycling education, collection, and processing. The projects are spread across 30 counties, shown on the map below. The following 21 Indiana organizations received grant funding totaling \$444,435 to expand recycling in Indiana:

- **Bartholomew County SWMD, Bartholomew County:** \$26,423 towards a new compactor that will reduce transportation costs by half and require no leasing of containers. This will allow the district to offer recycling opportunities to all Bartholomew County residents.
- **Brown County SWMD, Brown County:** \$14,250 towards hosting Household Hazardous Waste Collection event to conduct an effective and environmentally compliant means for citizens of Brown County to legally dispose of these materials. Previously, there was not a location for Household Hazardous Waste in Brown County prior to the grant.

- **City of Goshen, Elkhart County:** \$9,867 for the purchase of adding a comprehensive solid waste educational program to stop the increase of solid waste going to the landfill. This will provide the public to use the program to interact with information and facts, storytelling of other's experiences, behavior modeling, and opportunities to experiment at home with waste reduction strategies.
- **Clark County Recycling District, Clark County:** \$1,125 to purchase and create six copies of an updated board game previously known as "Reduce Reuse Recycle" to "Make Earth Day Every Day". Each elementary school, public and private in Clark County, including Libraries and after-school programs, will receive this updated board game.
- **Energy Matters Community Coalition Inc., Bartholomew County:** \$5,950 towards the Ethnic Expo to employing a zero-waste contractor, Ecosystem Event, for each event to help attendees appropriately sort their trash into recycling/composting, residents will gain increased awareness and knowledge about ways to divert waste at home. This will reduce recyclables from going into landfills during the Ethnic Expo event.
- **Hancock County SWMD, Hancock County:** \$6,250 towards hosting two additional events to collect and recycle electronic waste from county residents. This will help alleviate the strain on collecting electronics during their main event.
- **Hendricks County Recycling District, Hendricks County:** \$64,822 towards relocating the Recycling Drop-off Center to Lizton due to not owning or leasing the property. This relocation will provide improved fencing, two new compactors, and an attendant building with a restroom. This new location will increase recyclables being captured, and on-site person to answer questions about recycling.
- **Huntington City SWMD, Huntington County:** \$13,135 to purchase recycling containers for the country residents to have a designated collection container for them to bring to the drop-off location. The district will additionally create an educational brochure on recycling for community members.
- **Jay County SWMD, Jay County:** \$2,557 for purchasing 11 new roll-off containers from their recycling hauler, printing a booklet advertising all 2022 recycling events for Jay County, and expand battery and bulb collection bins. This will allow residents easy access to drop-off locations.
- **Marion Municipal Utilities, Grant County:** \$7,705 to purchase 3 large, elevated carts to collect cardboard and move the cardboard to the baler, materials to put wheels on existing pallets to move plastic collection boxes to the storage area or baler, and a second baler for processing the plastics or other materials collected.
- **Marshall County SWMD, Marshall County:** \$5,132 to purchase a clean-up trailer that would come equipped with all the tools necessary for the community to do major litter clean-up. The trailer would include the following tools: wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes, trash and recycling bags, gloves, and trash pickers.
- **North Harrison Elementary, Harrison County:** \$1,047 towards education for a student-led recycling club to do weekly recycling collection for the entire school, planting a pollinator-friendly garden, and school-wide book writing/publishing contest themed around preservation and environment. This will increase student involvement and responsibility for students in this club.

- **Pilot ED School, Marion County:** \$10,292 for compostable food containers and using bokashi composting to recycle food waste in the school's environmental center garden. This will help reduce food waste that would normally go to landfills.
- **ReThink Inc, Vigo County:** \$7,500 for creating video advertisements for community education regarding waste reduction, recycling, and composting. They will be partnering with their local TV station (WTHI) that is willing to help them create an advertisement and match the investment.
- **Shelby County SWMD, Shelby County:** \$32,900 to purchase new containers and provide educational information on them. Signage would be on each container for the community providing valuable information regarding sustainability and protecting the environment. The containers will advertise information regarding sustainability and the environment.
- **SustainIU, Monroe County:** \$77,990 to purchase 4,120 recycling receptacles for each residence hall. Each bin will have image-based, eye-level education signage in 298 waste collection closets. This project will introduce recycling education to 8,240 students in their living space. They will have a core group of students in waste audit methodology to track results over time.
- **Vigo County SWMD, Vigo County:** \$4,376 to purchase an industrial paper shredder that will allow the Solid Waste Management District to conduct the service themselves. They will be able to offer it during their normal hours as opposed to only having it for two hours each Saturday. This will allow for more recyclables to be collected and not go to landfills.
- **Warren County SWMD, Warren County:** \$3,444 towards a proper collection of Household Waste at their main recycling location throughout the year. They have devoted this year to focus on the Home Hazardous Waste and how to educate our community on how to separate disposal of such items to prevent harm to our environment.
- **Washington County SWMD, Washington County:** \$64,850 towards a new baler, and a new recycling truck. To provide the curbside recycling pickup program, they needed a new recycling truck to continue their services.
- **White County SWMD, White County:** \$76,563 for purchasing new trailers to collect recycling in counties that do not have a trailer. This will provide areas that need extra collection space for their materials. These trailers will also be handicap accessible and elder-friendly. A rotator device will be added to the facility's forklifts to allow quicker processing.
- **Zionsville Parks & Rec, Boone County:** \$5,218 to provide park visitors the option to separate their recyclable items from waste by installing permanent recycling receptacles at four of our most visited parks. In addition, the department intends to purchase portable recycling units to be utilized in programming, park events, and community gatherings.

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EDUCATION & OUTREACH

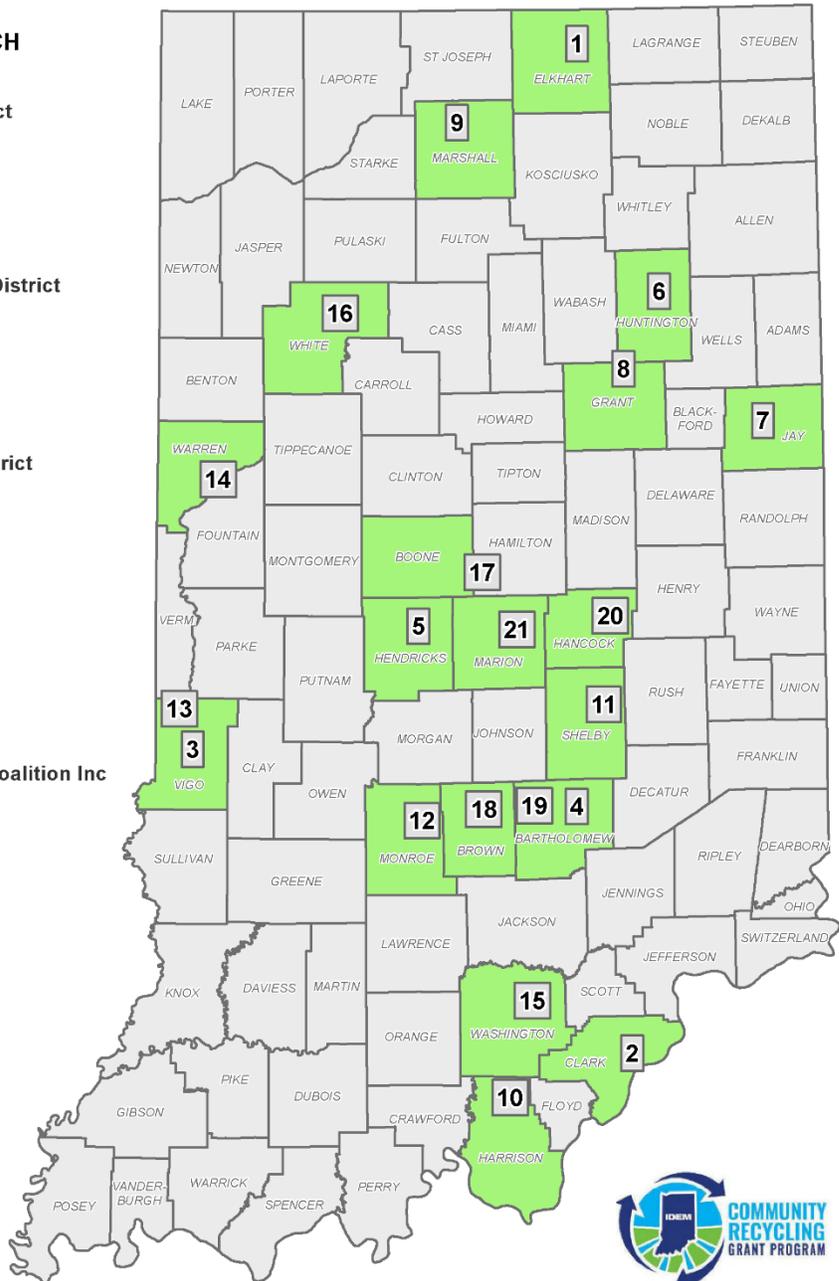
1. City of Goshen
2. Clark County Recycling District
3. ReThink Inc

EQUIPMENT

4. Bartholomew County SWMD
5. Hendricks County Recycling District
6. Huntington Cty SWMD
7. Jay County SWMD
8. Marion Municipal Utilities
9. Marshall County SWMD
10. North Harrison Elementary
11. Shelby County Recycling District
12. SustainIU
13. Vigo County SWMD
14. Warren County SWMD
15. Washington County SWMD
16. White County SWMD
17. Zionsville Parks & Rec

OTHER

18. Brown County SWMD
19. Energy Matters Community Coalition Inc
20. Hancock County SWMD
21. PilotEd School



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

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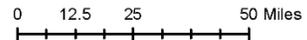
Sources:

Community Recycling Grants list is maintained by the Community Recycling Grant Program in the Office of Program Support

Data - Obtained from the State of Indiana Geographical Information Office Library

(www.indianamap.org)

Map Projection: UTM Zone 16 N **Map Datum:** NAD83



Since 2020, a total of \$973,711.79 was awarded for grants through the Community Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste Grant Program. The CRGP funding has gone to a total of 55 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.