Indiana Department of Environmental Management

Recycling Market Development 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 RMDP works 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. Launched in 2019, after a suspension of recycling grants offered through the SWMF, the Community Recycling Grant Program (CRGP) helps meet the goals of the SWMF. The SWMF’s goals complement the RMDP and promote recycling, waste reduction, management of yard waste, and household hazardous waste source reduction or recycling.

Funding for the SWMF and RMDP 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 statute, the revenues are evenly deposited into the SWMF and the Recycling Promotion and Assistance Fund (RPAF). The SWMF supports the Community Recycling Grant Program. The RPAF supports the Recycling Market Development Program. Total revenue received for the RPAF for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 was $2,433,247.

To support its goals, the RMDP offers grants to eligible Indiana businesses, local government, solid waste management districts, schools, and nonprofit organizations. Funding decisions for the RMDP projects are approved by the Recycling Market Development Board. A total of $1,368,940.82 was awarded for grants from the Recycling Market Development Program in FY 2020.

Twelve Indiana organizations received grant funding totaling over $1.3 million to expand recycling in the Hoosier state. The joint effort represents nearly $15.1 million in expected total investments that will benefit the environment and result in the creation of up to 47 new jobs and increase the amount of recycled municipal solid waste, construction and demolition debris, and wood waste by almost 85,000 tons. The 12 recipients and their projects are as follows:

**City of West Lafayette, Tippecanoe County** - Awarded $60,000 to purchase curbside food waste collection equipment. The equipment is part of an effort to expand the city’s educational food waste collection and energy conversion program. The program will divert approximately 165 tons of food waste from the waste stream annually.

**CW Recycling, LLC, Marion County** - Awarded $250,000 to fund the purchase of automated recycling equipment that will allow the company to triple its ability to recycle construction and demolition (C&D) debris. This project will result in an increase of about 40,000 tons of recycled C&D debris each year.
Dubois County Solid Waste Management District - Awarded $10,772.82 to provide a disposal option for large or refrigerant-based appliances and a space to store large, previously used items for residents to reuse. Both projects will help the district double the amount of material they divert from landfills.

Growing Green, Inc., Morgan County - Awarded $249,175 to purchase a polyethylene terephthalate (PET) optical sorting unit for a new materials recovery facility. This facility will have the capacity to process 30,000 tons of recyclable material annually.

Martin County Solid Waste District - Awarded $91,212.50 to purchase a cardboard compactor truck that will allow the district to expand their recycling routes and increase the amount of recyclable material collected. This project will divert an additional 390,000 pounds of cardboard from landfills annually.

Munster High School, Lake County - Awarded $5,185 to expand the school’s recycling collection program, including monthly recycling dumpster rental and pickup services. The school’s goal is to implement a streamlined recycling program and increase awareness among students about the importance of recycling.

O’Bryan Barrel Company, Vanderburgh County - Awarded $250,000 to purchase a new plastic wash line and grinding components. The new equipment will allow the company to recycle plastic drums and tote bottles into plastic pellets that can be used to make other products.

Opportunity Enterprises, Inc., Porter County - Awarded $60,050 to purchase and install a new baler that will enable the nonprofit organization to recycle an additional 1,000 tons of shredded paper each year.

Posey County Solid Waste Management District - Awarded $5,000 to purchase an industrial paper shredder, which will allow the district to offer paper shredding to the residents of Posey and surrounding counties.

Rumpke of Indiana, Inc., Jackson County - Awarded $175,000 to expand the company’s recycling facility. The facility expansion project will increase capacity and bolster recycling opportunities for rural communities and businesses in Jackson and surrounding counties.

Smith Creek, Floyd County - Awarded $250,000 to purchase a mobile diesel wood grinder to grind wood waste and create animal bedding products. This grant will allow Smith Creek to process an additional 10,000 tons of wood waste annually.

Warren County Solid Waste District - Awarded $22,595.50 to purchase recycling bins, a recycling trailer, and a glass pulverizing machine. Material created by the glass pulverizer will be used by the Warren County Highway Department as a construction aggregate.

Since 2008, the Recycling Market Development Board has awarded funding for 108 projects totaling over $8.5 million, created an estimated 850 jobs, and diverts over a million tons of recyclable materials annually. The included map shows the locations for grant funded projects in FY2020.
For more information about recycling in Indiana and recycling resources, please visit the Recycle Indiana Web site at: www.recycle.IN.gov.