



# Solid Waste Management Grants

## What does this program do?

This program reduces or eliminates pollution of water resources by providing funding for organizations that provide technical assistance or training to improve the planning and management of solid waste sites.

## Who may apply?

- Most state and local governmental entities
- Nonprofits
- Federally recognized tribes
- Academic institutions

All applicants must have:

- Proven ability, background or experience to successfully complete a project similar to the one proposed
- Legal authority and capacity to provide technical assistance or training

## What is an eligible area?

Rural areas and towns with a population of 10,000 or less - [check eligible addresses](#)

Special consideration may be given for projects serving:

- An area with fewer than 5,500 or fewer than 2,500 people;
- regional, multi-state or national areas; or
- lower-income populations.

## What may the funds be used for?

- Evaluate current landfill conditions to identify threats to water resources
- Provide technical assistance or training to enhance the operation and maintenance of active landfills
- Provide technical assistance or training to help communities reduce the amount of solid waste coming into a landfill
- Provide technical assistance or training to prepare for closure and future use of a landfill site

These grants may not be used to:

- Duplicate current services, replace or substitute support previously provided, i.e., service already rendered by a consultant in developing a project

- Duplicate assistance provided by the U.S. Forest Service
- Pay for capital assets, real estate or vehicles
- Pay for construction, operation or maintenance
- Improve or renovate office space or repair or maintain private property
  - See [7 CFR 1775.5](#) for a complete list

## Are there terms for grants?

- This is a nationally competitive grant.
- Projects should be completed within 12 months.
- Grants are subject to the availability of funds.

## Are matching funds required?

Matching funds are not required for this grant, however, applicant and in-kind contributions are recommended.

## Who currently participates in this program?

See our [grantee directory](#) for a list of current and past participants.

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## How do we get started?

- **Download the 2017 Solid Waste Management Application Guide.**

- Applications for this program are accepted annually through your **local RD office** from Oct. 1 – Dec. 31.
- Program resources (includes forms needed, guidance, certifications etc.)

## Who can answer questions?

Contact the solid waste grant manager in the RD National Office at (202) 720-9589.

## What governs this program?

- Code of Federal Regulations **7 CFR 1775 Subpart D**
- Section 310B of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act

## Why does USDA Rural Development do this?

This program helps small communities and utilities better manage solid waste disposal.

NOTE: Because citations and other information may be subject to change please always consult the program instructions listed in the section above titled "What Governs this Program?" You may also contact your **local RD office** for assistance. You will find additional forms, resources, and program information at [www.rd.usda.gov](http://www.rd.usda.gov). *USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.*