

APPLICATION FOR 902 RECYCLING PROGRAM GRANT

PART I - APPLICANT INFORMATION

PLEASE FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS AS PROVIDED

1. MUNICIPALITY NAME _____

<input type="checkbox"/> Home Rule	<input type="checkbox"/> Borough
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 st Class Twp.	<input type="checkbox"/> City
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd Class Twp.	<input type="checkbox"/> COG
<input type="checkbox"/> Town	<input type="checkbox"/> County
<input type="checkbox"/> SWA	<input type="checkbox"/> Authority
<input type="checkbox"/> Municipality	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

2. OFFICIAL BUSINESS ADDRESS _____
BOX _____
STREET _____
CITY _____
PA_ ZIP _____

3. COUNTY _____

4. CONTACT PERSON: Mr. Ms. _____
TITLE _____

5. CONTACT PERSON TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

6. CONTACT PERSON EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

7. MUNICIPALITY WEBSITE ADDRESS: _____

PART II – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
A. Program Information

1. What is the population of your municipality? _____
2. Is your municipality mandated to recycle per Act 101? YES NO
3. Does your municipality have an ordinance (rules/regulations) that requires residents to participate in a curbside recycling program? YES NO
 Ordinance # _____ Date Enacted: _____
4. Will this ordinance (rules/regulations) be updated? YES NO
 If yes, please list projected date(s): _____
5. Does your municipality have an ordinance that requires residents to participate in a waste collection service?
 YES NO
 Ordinance # _____ Date Enacted: _____
- 5a. Will this ordinance be updated? YES NO
 If yes, please list projected date(s). _____
6. Who collects the waste? _____
 Municipal Employees Contracted Hauler Private Subscription Other: _____
7. Please list the haulers who collect waste in your municipality:

8. What is the yearly waste collection cost to residents: _____
9. Does your municipality have an ordinance that requires commercial establishments to participate in a recycling program? YES NO
 Ordinance # _____ Date Enacted: _____
- 9a. Will this ordinance be updated? YES NO
 If yes, please list projected date(s). _____
10. Does your municipality have an ordinance that regulates the burning of waste?
 YES NO
 Ordinance # _____ Date Enacted: _____
 If yes, what items, if any, can be burned in your municipality?

11. Will the burning ordinance be updated? YES NO
 If yes, please list projected date(s): _____
12. What materials are currently being collected curbside from residents within your municipality(ies)? Check all that apply:

<input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper	<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Cans	<input type="checkbox"/> Clear Glass
<input type="checkbox"/> Office Paper	<input type="checkbox"/> Steel Cans	<input type="checkbox"/> Green Glass
<input type="checkbox"/> Cardboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Appliances/Scrap Metal	<input type="checkbox"/> Brown Glass
<input type="checkbox"/> Magazines	<input type="checkbox"/> Used Motor Oil	<input type="checkbox"/> Grass
<input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Paper		<input type="checkbox"/> Food Waste
<input type="checkbox"/> PET Plastic		<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Trimmings/Christmas Trees

- HDPE Plastic
- Other Plastics: _____
- Electronics

Other Paper Fiber: _____

13. How often are the residential curbside materials collected per month?

- 1X 2X 3X 4X Other: _____

14. Who currently collects the residential curbside recyclable materials?

- Municipal Employees Contracted Hauler Private Subscription Other: _____

14a. Where are the residential curbside recyclable materials currently processed / marketed?

14b. List how the residential curbside recyclable materials are currently collected.

Source-Separated Comingled Single Stream Other _____

15. What is the yearly recycling collection cost to residents? _____

16. Please list the haulers who collect recyclables from residential establishments in your municipality:

17. What materials are currently being collected at any drop-off facilities operating within or on behalf of your municipality(ies)? Check all that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper | <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Cans | <input type="checkbox"/> Clear Glass |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office Paper | <input type="checkbox"/> Steel Cans | <input type="checkbox"/> Green Glass |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cardboard | <input type="checkbox"/> Appliances/Scrap Metal | <input type="checkbox"/> Brown Glass |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Magazines | <input type="checkbox"/> Used Motor Oil | <input type="checkbox"/> Grass |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Paper | | <input type="checkbox"/> Food Waste |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PET Plastic | | <input type="checkbox"/> Tree Trimmings/Christmas Trees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HDPE Plastic | | <input type="checkbox"/> Electronics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Plastics: | | |

Other Paper Fiber: _____

Drop-off Facility Operating Hours: _____

18. What materials are currently being collected from (or recycled by) your commercial, institutional and municipal facilities within your municipality(ies)? Check all that apply:

- | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper | <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Cans | <input type="checkbox"/> Clear Glass |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office Paper | <input type="checkbox"/> Steel Cans | <input type="checkbox"/> Green Glass |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cardboard | <input type="checkbox"/> Appliances/Scrap Metal | <input type="checkbox"/> Brown Glass |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Magazines | <input type="checkbox"/> Used Motor Oil | <input type="checkbox"/> Grass |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Paper | | <input type="checkbox"/> Food Waste |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PET Plastic | | <input type="checkbox"/> Tree Trimmings/Christmas Trees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HDPE Plastic | | <input type="checkbox"/> Electronics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Plastics: | | |

Other Paper Fiber: _____

19. Who currently collects the commercial establishments' recyclable materials?

- Municipal Employees Contracted Hauler Private Subscription
 Other: _____

19a. Where are the collected commercial establishments' recyclable materials currently processed/marketed?

19b. How are the commercial establishments' recyclable materials currently collected?

- Source-Separated Comingled Single Stream Other _____

20. Please list the haulers who collect recyclables from commercial establishments in your municipality:

21. Is there a residential curbside program in your municipality for the collection of leaves?

YES NO

If yes, what is the collection frequency?

If yes, who provides the service?

Where are the leaves processed?

22. Is there a residential curbside program in your municipality for the collection of garden residues, shrubbery, tree trimmings and similar materials? YES NO

If yes, what is the collection frequency?

If yes, who provides the service?

Where is this material processed?

23. Is there a residential drop-off program for the collection of leaves, garden residues, shrubbery, tree trimmings and similar materials? YES NO

If yes, how often and what are the operating hours of the drop-off facility(ies) available to residents?

Please list the drop-off facility(ies) utilized?

24. How often are residents reminded about the requirements of the recycling education program?

At least Monthly Quarterly Semiannually Annually Other: _____

25. What is used to remind residents of the recycling program? (must provide documentation):

TV Radio Newsletter Calendar Direct Mailing Social Media Hand-outs
 Other: _____

Website (Address): _____

26. How often are commercial establishments reminded about how they should participate in the recycling program?

At least Monthly Quarterly Semiannually Annually Other: _____

27. What is used to remind commercial establishments of the recycling program? (must provide documentation):

TV Radio Newsletter Calendar Direct Mailing Social Media Hand-outs
 Other: _____

Website (Address): _____

28. Does your municipality have a program of enforcement that periodically monitors participation, receives complaints and issues warnings for required participants and provides fines, penalties, or both?

YES NO

29. Does your municipality currently have any of the following (must provide supporting documentation for credit):

- a. Pay-As-You-Throw program where residents are charged for waste collection/disposal based on the volume (# of bags, etc.) of waste placed at the curb?
- b. Limitation on the amount (# of bags) of waste residents may place at the curb at any one time?
- c. Recycling ordinance in place for community events?
- d. A program to address littering and/or illegal dumping?

30. Describe any revenues or other financial incentives your municipality receives as a result of marketing your Act 101 recyclable materials: (Do not include 904 monies)

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9. Will your municipality be revising any ordinances (rules/regulations) for the project for which you are seeking financial support? YES NO

If yes, please explain:

10. Will your municipality be changing the frequency or methods of residential or commercial establishment education under the project for which you are seeking financial support? YES NO

If yes, please explain:

11. What are the goals of the project for which you are seeking financial support? List specific accomplishments you would like to achieve.

- 11a How will you measure the project to determine if you are meeting your goals?

What is Environmental Justice?

- Environmental justice means **the just treatment and meaningful involvement** of all people, regardless of income, wealth, race, color, national origin, area of residence, Tribal affiliation, or disability, in agency decision-making and other activities that affect human health and the environment so that people: are **fully protected from disproportionate and adverse human health and environmental effects** (including risks) and hazards, including those related to climate change, the cumulative impacts of environmental and other burdens, **and the legacy of racism or other structural or systemic barriers**; and have equitable access to a healthy, sustainable, and resilient environment in which to live, play, work, learn, grow, worship, and engage in cultural and subsistence practices. **It further involves the prevention of future environmental injustice and the redress of historic environmental injustice.**
- If you have any questions regarding environmental justice, please contact DEP’s Office of Environmental Justice using the information on the **Contact Us** website.

How does PA define an Environmental Justice Area?

- Pennsylvania DEP defines EJ Areas as, “A geographic area characterized by increased pollution burden, and sensitive or vulnerable populations based on demographic and environmental data.”
- DEP has provided the PennEnviroScreen tool to help assist communities in making this assessment and for the purposes of DEP’s EJ policy identifies EJ areas as areas with a score above 80, indicating withing the top 80th percentile of communities based on pollution burden and sensitive or vulnerable populations. By selecting the “themes” box which is the second down on the right hand side of the PennEnviroScreen tool, you can turn on only these areas.

***More information and tutorial videos about using the PennEnviroScreen tool are available on DEP’s website at www.dep.pa.gov/EJAreas.**

Environmental Justice Area Grant Questions

12. Will your recycling project be implemented in an EJ area and/or benefit a community located in an EJ Area?

YES NO

13. If Yes, please describe the EJ community and how the recycling project will beneficially impact the environmental and/or public health of an underserved community.

PART III – PROJECT NARRATIVE

On the page provided, expand the brief project description given in Part II.B., question #1. Provide details to give a comprehensive view of your proposed project. This is your opportunity to convey to the Department the purpose and benefits of your project.

PART IV – PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

As outlined by Act 175 of 2002, Pennsylvania communities are to make their recycling programs more financially self-sufficient. The following questions are meant to foster an overall Sustainability Plan for your recycling program and are not intended to be the whole of the plan itself. In completing this section of the grant application and your Sustainability Plan, refer to the Department’s technical report on *Building Financially Sustainable Recycling Programs* under Recycling Program Development and Implementation Grants at DEP website:

https://files.dep.state.pa.us/Waste/Recycling/RecyclingPortalFiles/Documents/fin_sust_rec.pdf

The Department will utilize the information given below in evaluating and prioritizing your grant proposal. **Failure to complete this section will result in the denial of your grant request.**

- 1a. What are the current annual costs of your recycling and waste programs? These costs can include, but are not limited to: personnel; fuel; equipment purchase; maintenance; depreciation; education; and contractual obligations. **Provide an additional itemized statement.**

- 1b. How have the above recycling and waste program costs been met in the past? Include in your revenues such sources as: fees/taxes; sale of recovered materials; donations/sponsors; grants/loans; and, avoided disposal costs. **Provide an additional itemized statement.**

2. What are the projections for future costs and revenues associated with your recycling and overall waste management program over the next five years? What capital costs for your recycling program do you anticipate procuring over that time period? What is your municipality’s funding plan (excluding Act 101, Section 902 Recycling Program Development Grants and Section 904 Recycling Program Performance Grants) to ensure revenues meet or exceed costs? **Provide an additional itemized statement.**

3. What strategies will your municipality pursue/implement to minimize costs and increase revenue? Include strategies for reducing waste generated/disposed and increasing recyclables collected.

4. What mechanisms will be employed by your municipality to monitor program costs, revenues, performance participation and efficiency?

5. What other benefits (environmental, social, etc.) can be attributable to your recycling and waste programs?

PART V – THE PROPOSAL

A. Project Scope of Work

- List each item for which funding is being requested OR for which you are claiming the value of as match.
- Briefly describe the function of each item as it relates to your project.
- Number each item, using the same number and order for PART V.B. – FINANCIAL/WORK COMPLETION DATA.
- Attach additional pages as necessary.

**PART VI
LAND USE PLANNING FORM (LPF)**

Directions. This form is to be used by applicants submitting grant applications affected by the Department's Policy for Consideration of Comprehensive Plans & Zoning Ordinances in DEP Review of Grants and Funding for Facilities or Infrastructure and meeting the requirements of either §§ 619.2 or 1105 of the Municipal Planning Code (MPC). Please answer the appropriate questions relating to the policy that applies to your grant application on the form provided. If you need additional space, please attach additional page(s) as necessary, identifying the applicant and the question being answered.

MPC Criteria:

DEP has the authority to rely on comprehensive plans and zoning ordinances when evaluating grant or funding applications for projects located in areas of the state meeting the conditions described in any of the following three categories:

1. (a) Are you applying for funds that will be utilized to develop facilities or infrastructure as defined in the grant application instructions (p. 10)?

YES NO

If **Yes**, please proceed to question 1(b). If **No**, this policy does not apply to your application.

- (b) Does your application qualify as a de minimis proposal as defined in the grant application instructions (p. 12)?

YES NO

If **Yes**, this policy does not apply to your application. If **No**, please proceed to question 2.

2. Under § 619.2(a) of the MPC:

- (a) Is the municipality where the proposed project will be located in a county where there is a county comprehensive plan?

YES NO

- (b) Has the municipality where the proposed project will be located adopted a comprehensive plan or is it part of a multi-municipal comprehensive plan?

YES NO

- (c) Has either the county or municipality where the proposed project will be located enacted zoning ordinances?

YES NO

- (d) Are the municipal zoning ordinances, the municipal comprehensive plan and the county comprehensive plan generally consistent?

YES NO

If you answered YES to each of these questions, please proceed to question 5.

If you answered NO to any of these questions, please proceed to question 3.

3. Under § 619.2(c) of the MPC:

Has the municipality where the proposed project will be located adopted a joint zoning ordinance?

YES NO

**If you answered YES to this question, please proceed to question 5.
If you answered NO to this question, please proceed to question 4.**

4. Under § 1105 of the MPC:

Has the municipality where the proposed project will be located entered into an implementing cooperative agreement with the municipalities participating in the multi-municipal plan and adopted generally consistent zoning ordinances?

YES NO

**If you answered YES to this question, please proceed to question 5.
If you answered NO to this question, this policy does not apply to you.**

5. Please provide a brief description and specific citation to each relevant section of the elements of the county, multi-municipal, or municipal comprehensive plan that relate to the proposed project. Citations should include the title and date of the plan, section, subsection or paragraph number, and page number.

6. Are there county, multi-municipal or municipal zoning ordinances that are generally consistent with the comprehensive plan?

YES NO

7. Please describe and explain how the proposed project is consistent with relevant zoning ordinances implementing the comprehensive plan in the space provided below. Identify each relevant zoning ordinance by title and date of enactment and by appropriate section, subsection or paragraph number.

8. Will the proposed project serve more than the local community where the project will be located?

YES NO

9. If YES, please indicate the additional communities that will be served in the space provided below and indicate if you have provided notice of the proposed project to these communities?

10. Will the proposed project be consistent with the requirements of the relevant zoning ordinances, including plans for community facilities and utilities? Please explain in detail. Identify each relevant zoning ordinance by title and date of enactment and by appropriate section, subsection or paragraph number.

11. Verification. Applicants are required to obtain the signature of the Director of the county planning agency, or multi-municipal planning agency, if one has been designated, prior to submitting this form to the Department. County Planning Directors or directors of the relevant multi-municipal planning agency are to verify that the applicant's answers on the MMPF accurately describe and reflect the multi-municipal comprehensive plan and zoning ordinances.

(signature)

(title)

(date)

PART VII – SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Attach such items as:

- Waste, recycling, and burning ordinances and/or regulations
- Proof of publication and responses received
- Price quotes and/or bids
- Examples of educational materials
- Letters of support
- Inter-municipal agreements
- Littering or illegal dumping education
- Incentive-based pricing documentation
- Special collections programs
- Monies received from the sale of Act 101-recyclable materials
- Justification of equipment that is pro-rated to reflect recycling use
- Any other items necessary to support your grant request

Be sure to consider the Department of General Services' Cooperative Purchasing Program (COSTARS) when seeking quotes for equipment. If COSTARS or a similar program was not used, three separate quotes/bids should be provided. Applicants should also be following their procurement guidelines.