

NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 451 of 1994

324.19111 Recycling and composting capital grant program.

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(1) The department shall establish a recycling and composting capital grant program. The program shall provide funding for the capital costs of recycling and composting programs undertaken by municipalities, nonprofit private entities, or private entities. The department shall make the grants described in this section.

(2) The department shall not make a recycling or composting capital grant unless all of the following conditions are met:

(a) The proposed recycling or composting project is located in a county that has an approved solid waste management plan.

(b) The proposed recycling or composting project is consistent with the approved solid waste management plan.

(c) The applicant provides either a feasibility study with positive results supportive of project initiation or sufficient data justifying project expansion.

(d) The equipment obtained with the grant is used for source separated materials or site separated materials, or both.

(3) The department shall consider the following factors in selecting recipients for recycling and composting capital grants:

(a) The likelihood of project success as indicated by the feasibility study results.

(b) The availability of an appropriate site.

(c) A demonstration by the applicant that the materials to be collected or processed, or both, are not being recovered presently and would not be recovered without the proposed recycling or composting project.

(d) A demonstration by the applicant that the materials to be collected or processed, or both, will be absorbed in an existing market without displacing existing resource recovery operations or that the materials, by being collected or processed, or both, will create a new market.

(e) The business and accounting plans for the proposed recycling or composting project.

(f) The need for a new or expanded recycling or composting program in the area to be served, relative to the needs of other areas.

(g) The extent to which selection of the recycling or composting program contributes to the achievement of a balanced distribution of grants throughout the state.

(h) A demonstration by the applicant that land, buildings, personnel, support services, or funds have been committed to the recycling or composting project.

(i) The portion of the waste stream that is projected to be diverted from landfills, compared to the projected costs of the recycling or composting project.

(j) The immediacy of the reduction in waste resulting from the recycling or composting program.

(k) The potential of the recycling or composting project to be replicated in similar areas of the state.

(l) The availability of capacity at existing licensed landfills that serve the area to be served by the proposed recycling or composting program.

(m) The demonstrated municipality, community group, or volunteer interest in undertaking a recycling or composting project.

(n) The demonstrated capability of the applicant in working with adjacent municipalities on alternative resource recovery projects, such as development of a regional resource recovery organization, jointly sponsored resource recovery initiatives, or regional materials marketing strategies.

(4) The department shall not dispense a recycling or composting capital grant unless all the permits that are required by this part and otherwise required by state law and that are specifically applicable to the nature of the proposed project have been obtained.

(5) The department shall not expend more than 20% of the total amount in the fund in any state fiscal year on the recycling and composting capital grant program. The department shall not expend more than \$500,000.00 for any single recycling or composting capital grant made under this section.

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