



Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District

# **Go Green Community Grant 2021**



**Promoting Environmentally-Friendly Waste  
Management Practices  
Throughout Geauga and Trumbull Counties**

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### **Application for Go Green Community Grant**

The Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District is accepting applications to support recycling and litter prevention programs through Go Green Community Grants. These grants are offered to local government (townships, cities, villages, counties), schools, and nonprofit organizations to initiate or expand recycling, to purchase recycling or waste containers, to purchase items made from recycled content materials, to perform cleanup activities, or to conduct an approved demonstration project. Grants will have a maximum award amount of \$2,500 per application. All organizations will be limited to one application funded per grant cycle. Pre-approved purchases will be reimbursed by the district at completion of project.

The District provides a specified amount of money in the budget each year for the Go Green Community Grant Program. (For yearly funding amounts, contact the District office). **Funding is competitive.** **Requests may exceed funding, so there is no guarantee your application will be awarded.** Applications will be reviewed by a committee who will make award recommendations to the Board of Directors. **The application must be received at the email or address listed above by Friday, June 25, 2021.**

Examples of potential projects (not all-inclusive):

- Trash disposal costs for illegal dumpsite cleanup
- Educational materials/signage to increase and improve recycling
- Trash disposal costs for community cleanups (preference for communities that collect electronics for recycling at event)
- Recycling containers for city hall, township buildings, parks, etc.
- Litter cleanup supplies – litter grabbers, vests, etc.
- Permanent recycling containers for outdoor community events, fairs, public spaces
- Recycling costs and/or transportation costs for community collection of electronics
- Supplies to start a school compost program
- School-generated recycling and/or litter prevention projects in which learners engage in hands-on activities and become actively involved in recycling and/or sustainability projects.
- Field trips/school educational assemblies - i.e. field trip to landfill, field trip to materials recovery facility (recycling processing center), guest speaker for school assembly
- School professional development - cost to train teachers in various recycling/litter prevention programs or to conduct other related education workshops or in-services.

If you have an idea for a project that is not on this list, please CALL to discuss. We are open to new, innovative ideas!

**How will the application be judged?**

The following are some but not all of the criteria the committee will use to judge the applications:

- The project fits into the District goals as outlined in the solid waste management plan.
- The application shows a clear idea of the scope of the project and a plan for implementation.
- The application describes how the project will be publicized and how it will educate the general public about the efforts of the applicant and the Geauga-Trumbull SWMD.
- Preference is given to applicants using local vendors – either in District, or in the State of Ohio.
- The program will be self-sufficient after the initial funding request.
- Organizations that have already received money or have an alternate funding source may take a lower priority.
- The project would be a viable demonstration project so information could be shared with other communities in the District.

**Allowable Costs**

Grant funds may be expended only for items listed in the project budget on page 5. Adjustments to the budget must be approved by the District BEFORE they are purchased. Staff/labor costs are NOT an allowable expense unless they are included as part of a service agreement with a subcontractor/service provider, such as a contractor paid to install new recycling signage, or provide a specialized service.

\*\*May attach additional sheets if necessary\*\*

**1) Organization, Agency, or Business Information**

Applicant Organization:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Fax:	
Tax ID #	
Authorizing Official Name & Title:	
Authorizing Official Email:	
Contact Person Name & Title:	
Contact Person Phone:	
Contact Person Email:	

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Signature of Authorizing Official

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Date

By signing above, I hereby certify that the information provided in this application is true and accurate. I further certify that I possess the authority to apply for this grant on behalf of the applicant.



4) Description of physical location where project and/or equipment will be utilized. Please include who will have access to the project and/or equipment.

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5) Products/Services Needed: Provide a list of products and/or services to be purchased. Give a brief description of the item including price, quantity, vendor, and if the product contains any recycled content.

Product/Service	Vendor	Recycled Content % (if applicable) *	Description

\*If applicable, please include price quote with proof of % recycled content and type for items listed above.

6) Financial Information: Please complete a detailed summary of project costs that will equal the grant request. If project costs exceed the grant amount requested, please state how the overage will be funded. \*If there is no remaining cost please mark N/A in this section.

Product/Service	Unit Cost	Quantity	Total Cost	Grant Funds Requested	Remaining Cost*
			Total Project Cost	Total Grant Request	Total Remaining Cost

How remaining cost will be funded \*

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- 7) **Reporting: Please indicate who will be responsible for signing the grant agreement, overseeing grant funds, and providing a closeout report.**

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Name & Title

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Phone & email address

### **Timeline and Recordkeeping**

All applicants selected to receive grant funding from the Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District will sign an agreement **before** commencement of project. **DO NOT PURCHASE ANY GRANT-RELATED SUPPLIES OR SERVICES (EITHER GRANT FUNDED OR MATCH-FUNDED) BEFORE THE AGREEMENT HAS BEEN SIGNED OR WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO REIMBURSE THOSE EXPENSES.** Project must be completed and reimbursement requested by November 30, 2021. Any grants that go beyond this completion date may be revoked. A grant closeout report will be required by all applicants who receive grant funding at the end of the grant project.

**This is a reimbursement grant.** Your organization pays everything up front for your project, and when it is complete you will submit a letter requesting reimbursement. Copies of all invoices, receipts, and proof of payment is required. There must be an audit trail consisting of receipts that account for all used funds.

### **Recognition**

As part of the award, the District is asking for recognition of grant funding in the advertisement of your event (if applicable), or with signage/recognition at the project site. If you have any questions about this requirement, please let us know.

### **Questions?**

If there are any questions regarding this application, please feel free to contact the Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District for assistance. Completed applications should be emailed, faxed, or mailed to:

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**APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 2021**

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**Examples of funded 2020 Go Green Community Grants:****Champion Township – Community Cleanup Day**

Champion Township requested funding to offset the cost of dumpsters for their Community Cleanup Day.

**City of Chardon – Recycling and Trash receptacles**

The City of Chardon purchased dual recycling and trash receptacles for “on the Square”. The Square hosts multiple events throughout the year, including farmer’s markets, festivals, car shows, etc.

**Chester Park District**

Chester Park District used Go Green Community Grant Funds to purchase park benches made of recycled plastic.

**City of Niles – Electronics collection**

The City of Niles hosted an electronics recycling collection drive for their residents. They filled a 40 yd. dumpster with televisions, computers and other items. The items collected were transported to our Trumbull Collection Facility for sorting and recycling.

**Parkman Township – Cameras and signage for drop-off site**

Parkman Township purchased cameras and signage for their recycling drop-off site. Township trustee, Henry Duchscherer, reports a decrease in illegal dumping at the site since their installation.

**Kinsman Township – Recycling sample box**

Kinsman Township requested funds to construct a sample box to be put on display at their recycling drop-off site. The box would show the items accepted in the recycling bins and those that are not, hopefully reducing contamination in our recycling bins.

**Vienna Township – Roadway cleanup supplies**

Vienna Township is partnering with a local school system to start an annual roadside litter cleanup. They requested funds to purchase equipment, such as litter grabbers, vests, gloves, garbage bags, etc., to assist in getting this new event established.