

RECYCLING RESPONSIBLE UNITS GRANT – ELIGIBLE AND INELIGIBLE COSTS

Ineligible Costs are those costs not directly associated with or not necessary for planning, constructing, or operating an effective recycling program, including:

Costs incurred outside of the given grant year

Costs of collection, processing, or marketing of recyclables for commercial properties and residential units greater than 2–4-unit portions of a recycling program

Payroll Costs:

- Salaries and expenses for elected officials or others **not** directly related to the recycling program
- Personnel costs for garbage handling, spring cleanup, roadside mowing, grushing, tree trimming and/or chipping, maintenance of parks and/or other public grounds
- Personnel costs for collection of hazardous household waste (“clean sweep”), pharmaceuticals, or e-waste
- Salaries and expenses for collecting, processing, transporting or marketing the following: appliances, waste oil, lead acid batteries, scrap metal, “spring cleanup” trash other than yard waste, recyclable or other materials from buildings containing 5 or more dwelling units and/or from non-residential properties unless this cost is inseparable and/or immaterial, roadside brushing and other maintenance, parks and public space maintenance, municipal solid waste not separated for recycling (garbage)

Eligible Costs are those costs that are reasonable and necessary for planning, constructing, or operating an effective recycling program, including:

Costs incurred between January 1 and December 31 of the given grant year

Costs of collection, processing, or marketing of recyclables for single family and 2–4-unit residential portions of a recycling program

Payroll Costs:

- Salaries and expenses anticipated to be incurred for planning, constructing, or operating an effective recycling program.
- Training, salaries, and fringe benefit costs of personnel as directly related to the recycling program
- Salaries and expenses related to public education and enforcement costs
- Salaries and expenses related to the RUs costs of collecting recyclables, marketing and transporting recyclables to market
- Salaries and related expenses for documenting how solid waste that is generated in the grantee's region and is not separated or recovered for recycling will be managed

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ordinary operating expenses of local government, such as salaries and expenses of a mayor or city council members that are not directly related to the recycling program 	
<p>Service Contracts and Consultant Fees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If not related to effective recycling program activities 	<p>Service Contracts and Consultant Fees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The costs of consultant fees as related to effective recycling program activities • Written contracts entered into by responsible units to obtain services necessary for an effective recycling program
<p>Capital Expenditures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land purchase, construction and associated costs that have not received appraisal and/or site approval from the Department or is not for use of an eligible recycling program/use • Equipment not used for eligible recycling program use 	<p>Capital Expenditures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipment costing \$1,000 or more and with an expected life of 3 years or more will be funded on an amortized basis • Land, including site acquisition at fair market value and site preparation costs • Construction costs, including capitalized interest, professional services of an attorney, and engineering services for design, construction and construction inspection
<p>Fines and Penalties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenses associated with the RUs failure to comply with federal, state, or local laws, regulations, rules or ordinances 	<p>Fines and Penalties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salaries and expenses related to the responsible unit performing necessary enforcement
<p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costs eligible under any other state or federal financial assistance program • Ordinary operating expenses of local government not directly related to the recycling program • Contributions to civic groups and schools, payments to subsidize haulers, and other voluntary payments for which the RU does not receive a specific service in return for payment of a specified amount of money • Interest (other than capitalized interest) or finance charges • Loan payments (debt service) 	<p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The purchase of necessary supplies for implementing and carrying out eligible recycling activities • The allocable cost of using equipment not purchased with grant monies. • Costs of a solid waste facility designed to recover recyclables from postconsumer waste including all costs that can be directly isolated to the recycling component and the proportionate share of the remaining costs as calculated as a proportion of recovered recyclables to total waste, by weight

- Expenses related to the purchase of plastic containers for the collection of recyclable materials unless the recycled content of the plastic containers is at least 25 percent by weight
- The costs of collecting and disposing of municipal solid waste not separated for recycling.
- Costs incurred in a contract which creates a **real or apparent conflict of interest**. An apparent conflict of interest arises when an official or employee of a grantee participates in the selection, awarding or administration of a contract supported by this program.