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DEP Awards $17.8 Million in Grants for Recycling Programs

Harrisburg – The Department of Environmental Protection announced today that it has awarded $17.8 million in recycling grants to 131 municipalities and counties for developing and implementing recycling programs.

"Recycling plays a key role in improving Pennsylvania's economy and protecting its environment," DEP Secretary Mike Krancer said. "These grants further that cause, and DEP is proud to invest in local programs that help the awardees strengthen their recycling programs."

Through the grant program, municipalities and counties in Pennsylvania are eligible for up to 90 percent funding of approved recycling program costs. Municipalities that are designated financially distressed under the Financial Distressed Communities Act are eligible to receive funding for an additional 10 percent of approved costs.

Examples of eligible projects include operating compost facilities; developing web-based programs on recycling for consumers; expanding recycling processing facilities; installing data collection systems on recycling vehicles; continuing and creating curbside recycling programs; and developing educational materials to encourage residents to recycle.

This is the 53rd round of grants being awarded since the inception of the Pennsylvania Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act in 1988, also known as Act 101.

Act 101 mandates recycling in municipalities with more than 10,000 residents and those with populations between 5,000 and 10,000 that have population densities greater than 300 people per square mile.

Currently, 440 of Pennsylvania's 2,700 municipalities are required to recycle and provide curbside collection programs.

For more information, visit www.dep.state.pa.us, keyword: Act 101.

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Editor's Note: The 131 municipalities and counties that received funding are listed below, alphabetically by county, with the grant amount.

Allegheny County
Collier Township, $69,012
Forest Hills Borough, $190,000
Mt. Lebanon Municipality, $31,500
O'Hara Township, $45,270
Penn Hills Municipality, $156,200
Scott Township, $38,222
Swissvale Borough, $142,519
Twin Rivers Council of Governments, $145,582
West Mifflin Borough, $137,475
Wilkins Township, $29,727

Armstrong County
Leechburg Borough, $17,655

Beaver County
Aliquippa City, $120,000
Baden Borough, $22,295
Brighton Township, $48,354
Center Township, $11,744
Monaca Borough, $85,973
Rochester Township, $36,568

Berks County
Heidelberg Township, $32,069
Kenhorst Borough, $49,765
Lower Heidelberg Township, $241,758
Maxatawny Township, $247,500
Muhlenberg Township, $242,118
Reading City, $250,000

Blair County
Inter-municipal Relations Committee, $250,000

Bucks County
Bristol Township, $90,585

Butler County
Butler County, $64,168
Zelienople Borough, $248,994

Cambria County
Cambria County Solid Waste Authority, $231,843

Carbon County
Carbon County, $250,000

Centre County
Bellefonte Borough, $218,660
College Township, $33,904
Philipsburg Borough, $30,771

Chester County
Chester County, $43,439
Chester County Solid Waste Authority, $250,000
Southeastern Chester County Refuse Authority, $184,295
West Grove Borough, $36,237

Clinton County
Lock Haven City, $196,269

Columbia County
Scott Township, $250,000

Cumberland County
Lemoyne Borough, $34,461
Lower Allen Township, $250,000
Mechanicsburg Borough, $110,285
South Middleton Township, $12,982

Dauphin County
Dauphin County, $197,244
Lower Paxton Township, $250,000

Delaware County
Landsdowne Borough, $67,083
Media Borough, $28,196
Ridley Township, $68,392
Springfield Township, $190,611

Elk County
Elk County, $83,275

Fayette County
South Union Township, $222,993

Franklin County
Chambersburg Borough, $133,340
Washington Township, $205,754

Greene County
Greene County, $250,000

Huntingdon County
Huntingdon Borough, $164,830

Lackawanna County
Blakely Borough, $222,419
Clarks Summit Borough, $9,000
Jermyn Borough, $103,706
Lackawanna County, $3,168

Lancaster County
Columbia Borough, $178,000
Earl Township, $86,527
Mount Joy Township, $20,255
Rapho Township, $250,000

Lawrence County
Lawrence County, $15,421

Lehigh County
Allentown City, $240,977
South Whitehall Township, $250,000

Luzerne County
Duryea Borough, $183,534
Edwardsville Borough, $104,236
Hanover Township, $142,115
Luzerne County, $2,896
Pittston City, $18,645
Swoyersville Borough, $115,320
Wilkes-Barre City, $190,800
Wilkes-Barre Township, $22,893
Wyoming Borough, $21,598

Mifflin County
Mifflin County Solid Waste Authority, $163,426

Monroe County
Coolbaugh Township, $228,618
Eldred Township, $1,809
Middle Smithfield Township, $223,382
Monroe County Municipal Waste Management Authority, $250,000
Pocono Township, $185,015
Smithfield Township, $147,589
Stroud Township, $227,043

Montgomery County
Cheltenham Township, $250,000
Douglass Township, $24,672
East Norriton Township, $177,459
Hatboro Borough, $131,242

Hatfield Township, $153,522
Jenkintown Borough, $3, 000
Lower Merion Township, $250,000
Lower Moreland Township, $196,425
Springfield Township, $151,201
Upper Dublin Township, $31,092
Upper Merion Township, $85,005
Upper Moreland Township, $182,168
Upper Pottsgrove Township, $43,423

Northampton County
Allen Township, $114,316
Bethlehem City, $250,000
Bethlehem Township, $205,745
Bushkill Township, $189,000
First Regional Compost Authority, $250,000
Forks Township, $52,053
Palmer Township, $250,000
Upper Nazareth Township, $237,292
Williams Township, $250,000

Northumberland County
Lewis Township, $24,324
Rapho Township, $30,397
Sunbury Municipal Authority, $249,242

Schuylkill County
Rush Township, $52,201
Schuylkill County, $177,940

Somerset County
Somerset County, $140,052

Union County
Union County, $108,632

Warren County
Warren City, $52,135

Washington County
City of Washington, $246,861

Westmoreland County
Greensburg City, $34,704
Murrysville Borough, $77,476
Youngwood Borough, $77,130

Wyoming County

Wyoming County, $20,433

York County
Fairview Township, $86,946
Hanover Borough, $180,056
Penn Township, $249,783
Red Lion Borough, $147,906
Spring Grove Borough, $58,561
West Manheim Township, $196,934
Windsor Township, $124,124
York City, $230,044
York County Solid Waste and Recycling Authority, $250,000
York Township, $222,917

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