



**BOONE COUNTY**  
*Solid Waste Management District*

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*The Boone County Solid Waste Management District is responsible for implementing programs and educating Boone County residents to reduce, reuse, recycle or properly dispose of their residential waste. Through education and programming, we enable residents to be responsible stewards of the environment while preserving public health in and around Boone County.*

## **Boone County Solid Waste Management District Municipality Grant Program**

**Background:** Beginning in 2023, the BCSWMD board of directors approved a new grant program specifically for the municipalities within Boone County. Previously, local units of government were eligible to apply for the community grant program and many took advantage of this opportunity. By creating a separate municipality grant program, this provides additional funding specifically for local units of government to make requests throughout the calendar year for a variety of projects. The community grant program will continue to be in place and serve local non-profits, schools, libraries, service organizations, businesses, etc.

**Eligibility:** The BCSWMD Municipality Grant program is open to all local units of government within Boone County. It is the responsibility of the municipality to coordinate grant requests amongst the multiple departments within their entity as applicants may apply for a grant of any value up to \$10,000 in any calendar year. If funds remain available in the latter part of the calendar year, a municipality may request for additional grant funds.

**Guidelines** - Preference will be given to innovative solid waste reduction, reuse, proper disposal or recycling programs that can serve as models to other communities in the County. Proposals may include but are not limited to, new or expanding recycling programs, environmental education programs, waste related public outreach initiatives and recycled content purchasing initiatives. Grant funds may be requested for individual service events (i.e. roll-off containers for a municipality sponsored cleanup event) but grant funds may not be used for payment of recurring services (i.e. routine trash or recycling service). The following is a list of sample projects that may be considered for the municipality grant program. This list is not exclusive and serves only to provide applicants with suggestions on which to build upon.

- Purchase of permanent bins for recycling
- Purchase of recycled content playground, park or trail equipment and accessories
- Purchase of proper disposal containers (i.e. cigarette butt or pet waste containers)
- Payment for roll-off disposal containers to administer a municipality cleanup

**Grant Request & Timeline** – To initiate a municipality grant request, please contact the District office to arrange for a pre-project meeting. During the pre-project meeting, the municipality will need to supply the contact lead for the project, the estimated timeline and how they believe the project fits into the district’s mission, listed above.

**Determination** – Each grant request will be reviewed by the district staff to ensure the project falls within the district’s mission and that the appropriate funds are available. Decisions of the district whether to grant funds at any time are subject to the sole discretion of the Board and/or staff. Regardless of the merit of any pending applications, the grant program does not bind the district to provide funding to any project(s). If the grant request is approved, the district staff will provide a letter of agreement between the district and the municipality. This letter may include additional requirements to include, but not limited to educational components, recognition of financial support, etc.