

Recycle Ohio Grants 2024 Grant Administration Meeting

Division of Environmental & Financial Assistance
March 21, 2024



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Agenda



- Opening remarks
- 2024 grant awards
- 2024 grant timeline
- How it works
- Enhanced assistance
- Using Ohio EPA's logo
- Online grant closeout report
- Questions



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Poll Time



Is this your first Recycle Ohio Grant?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Please select one response



2024 Applications Received

Grant Type	Projects	Funds
Community & Litter	80	\$4,067,997
Source Reduction	62	\$433,047
Market Development	21	\$3,379,596
Academic Institution	7	\$477,517
Scrap Tire Grant	7	\$1,616,125
Total	177	\$9,974,282



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2024 Applications Awarded

Grant Type	Projects	Funds
Community & Litter	77	\$3,834,997
Source Reduction	59	\$406,859
Market Development	12	\$1,945,108
Academic Institution	7	\$477,517
Scrap Tire Grant	4	\$934,286
Total	159	\$7,598,767



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Grant Timeline

All grants start April 1, 2024

End date for 1-year grants:

- March 30, 2025
- Community & litter, academic institutions, source reduction

End date for 2-year grants:

- March 30, 2026
- Market development and scrap tire



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How it Works

Grant payments

- Community & litter, academic institutions, and no sponsor scrap tire
 - Initial payment: 50%
 - Remaining balance paid when grant closeout report is complete
- Source reduction
 - Initial payment: 100%
 - Remaining balance returned to Ohio EPA when grant closeout report is complete.



How it Works (Sponsors)

Grant payments

- Market development and scrap tire with a sponsor
 - No initial payment
 - Spent grant balance forwarded to sponsor after the grant closeout report and Ohio EPA final compliance checks are complete
 - Sponsor releases funds to the business



How it Works

- Matching funds
 - Community & Litter and academic institutions
 - 25% match requirement
 - Market development and scrap tire
 - 100% match requirement
 - Source reduction
 - No match requirement
- **NO** timeline extensions or additional funds
- Must operate from a current and approved budget
- Budget modifications must be preapproved



Grant Manual

- Accounting system/record keeping
- Audits
- Contracts
 - Subcontractors and cooperating enterprises
- Separate accounts
 - For grant-related funds and expenditures
- Advertising policy
- Site visits and enhanced assistance
- Online closeout report instructions



Grant Agreement Terms

Upon the termination of the grant contract and for a period of ***three years following termination***, the Agency may require repayment of any funds, up to the full amount that has been distributed, upon a finding by the director that Grantee or the cooperating enterprise is not in substantial compliance with environmental laws or rules or has become subject to a formal enforcement action by Ohio EPA or the Ohio Attorney General's Office.

If your grant included a Cooperating Enterprise, both parties are signatories on the contract, and are obligated to all provisions of the contract.

Equipment Terms

- Grantees keep records for each piece of equipment costing more than **\$300**.
- For three years from the date the grantee is the recipient of any grant funded equipment, you can neither sell, transfer or convert said equipment without written approval from the Ohio EPA.
- If returned, the grantee will repay to Ohio EPA:
 - Year one: **90%** of the grant funds.
 - Year two: **70%** of the grant funds.
 - Year three: **50%** of the grant funds.
- After the third year, equipment may be disposed of consistent with local guidelines and without the approval of Ohio EPA.

Poll Time



Which is true about a budget modification?

- ☐ If it's a slight change, it doesn't need Ohio EPA's approval
- ☐ If it's a major change, it doesn't need Ohio EPA's approval
- ☐ All budget modifications require Ohio EPA's preapproval

Please select one response



Enhanced Assistance Goals

- Elevate the level of customer service and compliance assistance provided.
- Help grantees meet grant criteria for no outstanding environmental compliance issues.
- Ensure successful implementation of programmatic policies and procedures and gather information to assist in program improvements and priorities.





Enhanced Assistance Details

- Partnership with Environmental Assistance Unit at Ohio EPA
- Focus on environmental compliance
- May include scheduled visits
- Active for three years after the grant cycle ends



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Recycle Ohio Logo and Acknowledgement

- Use on all grant funded equipment and printed items.
- Acknowledgement line:
“Funded/Partially Funded by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency”
- Artwork contact:
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Recycle Ohio Grant Program



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Online Grant Closeout Report

- Must submit the final report electronically through Ohio EPA's Resource Hub
- <https://ohioepa.custhelp.com/>
 - Budget table, forms, and government sponsor check list as attachments
 - Final reports must include invoices and proof of payment
- Grants are closed out after Ohio EPA receives and approves the completed final report and has verified the grant expenditures and proof of payments





Online Grant Closeout Report

- Final report due on or before May 15, 2025.
- Grant is assigned to one person's account at a time.
- Cooperating Enterprise (Business) completes the closeout.
- Government sponsor checklist/signoff form required documentation.
- Closeout Video: <https://youtu.be/GZH2tFhSGzo>



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Accessing the Online Closeout

epa.ohio.gov/home

An official State of Ohio site. [Here's how you know](#) ▼

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January 10, 2024

 Report a spill, or emergency in your area



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One year. 365 days. We continue to learn, to grow, and move forward over the last 12 months, at the direction of GovMike

2/6/24



H2Ohio Vinton County

"This is an area where some residents are forced to travel far forth to get clean water to their homes. No one should have to do that."

1/12/24



H2Ohio Salt Contamination Grant

Old Man Winter can be unforgiving to roads. Using the grant, we can help communities prepare for winter weather.

Go to:
epa.ohio.gov



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Accessing the Online Portal



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My Ohio EPA Resource Hub
Submittals

Account Settings

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Accessing the Online Portal

Submit a Report to Ohio EPA

Subject	Reference #	Action	Instructions
ROG Application for City of	220204-0000	Work on Closeout Report	Instructions
ROG Application for City of	210205-0000	Work on Closeout Report	Instructions
ROG Application for Solid Waste Authority of	210205-0000	Work on Closeout Report	Instructions

[See all my submittals with reporting available.](#)



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Online Closeout Portal



Navigating Your Application

Screen 1 ▼

2023 Recycle Ohio Grant Closeout Report for

Solid Waste District Reference Number:

Please Note! For security reasons, after 30 minutes of inactivity, this application will automatically disconnect from the server. You will need to close the tab and log in again to continue. Your work will be saved up to the last completed screen for which you clicked the Next button. If you encounter errors or difficulties with this application after letting it sit open for a period of time, the issues will likely be resolved by closing your browser and logging into the application again.

Section Headings - You can click any section heading that you have completed to return to the section.

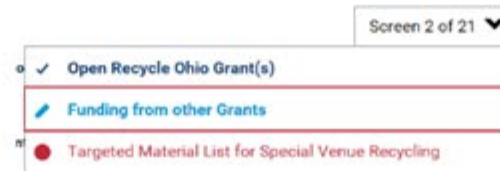
A blue section heading means it is not complete. Note: Sections can turn from being complete (green checkmark) to incomplete (blue) based on how you answer questions in other sections. If that happens, please return to the blue section and complete it.

A green section heading with a pencil means that is the current section you are working on.



Section and Screen Status Icons

- A checkmark next to a screen in the list means it is completed.
- A pencil next to a screen in the list means it is the current screen.
- A circle next to a screen means that it has not been started.



- ✓ Funding Request
- ✓ Applicant Info
- ✎ Project Details
- ✓ Open Recycle Ohio Grant(s)
- ✎ Funding from other Grants
- Targeted Material List for Special Venue Recycling

Back Button - go back to the previous screen.

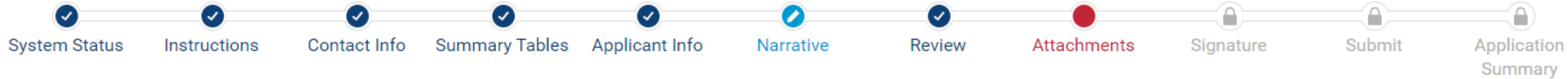
Next Button - save the information on the screen and go to the next screen.

Exit by closing the browser window - Exits out of the application. All information and attachments entered before the most recent click of the Next button have been saved. Changed information on the current screen will not be saved. You can resume on the current screen when you return.

Submit Button - Near the end of the application, you will see a Submit button, clicking this button will submit the final version of the application and attachments to Ohio EPA.

Next (Save Progress)

Online Closeout Portal



Prepare for Narrative Questions

Screen 1 ▼

The next section of this application will ask several narrative questions. For your convenience the questions are listed below.

What were your project goals and objectives?

How would you measure the success of your project?

Describe any activities that have been conducted to promote or increase the awareness of the project. If you used advertising, what type(s) did you use?

Now that your project is completed, please explain your organization's long-term commitment to the future of your project.

Do you think that the outreach and education techniques you utilized were effective in communicating your message to your target audience? If so, why?

Please provide the amount generated from your tire collection fee and describe how you plan to use the funds generated.

Since your project, please describe the changes you have seen in the amount of open dumping and/or littering in your community. Do you think your project has made a positive impact?

Back

Next (Save)



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Attachments

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Instructions The attachments listed below are required as part of your ROG Closeout Report. Click the Add button to browse to where you have your attachment files ready. **Any one file cannot exceed 10 mb in size. All attachments together cannot exceed 100 megabytes total.**

- After you have completed your attachments using the Add button, mark the appropriate question "Yes."
- Once all of your attachments have been added to the ROG Closeout Report, click the Next button.
- Your attachments will not be saved with your form until you click the Next button

Ohio EPA reserves the right to reject any ROG Closeout Report that does not include required attachments described below.

Attach the completed budget spreadsheet listing each grant related invoice and proof of payment *

Add

Is the budget spreadsheet attached? 

☐ Yes ☐ No

Attach all grant related invoices and proofs of payment. *

Add

Are the invoices and proofs of payment attached? *

☐ Yes ☐ No

Attach optional documents:

Add

Please attach one or two photos, if you have any, that best show the success of your project and events.

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Next (Save)



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Example Budget Table

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How do you submit your closeout report?

- ☐ Text Message
- ☐ Mail
- ☐ Hand Deliver
- ☐ Online through Ohio EPA's Resource Hub
- ☐ Email

Please select one response



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