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Dear County Judge/Executive and/or 109 Board Chair:

Now is the time to apply for 2027 Litter Abatement Grant funding. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with information about the Litter Abatement Grant program and to provide you with a copy of the grant agreement and related forms. For this grant cycle:

- The signed "County Request and Agreement for Litter Abatement Program Grant Funding," attached, **must be received in this office by 4:30 p.m. on November 2, 2026**, pursuant to KRS 224.43-505. Litter abatement grant agreements received after that date will not be accepted. Please email the form to lisa.evans@ky.gov **NOTE: This incorporated form (DEP 7117) is the required form to be used to apply for the 2027 Litter Abatement Grant.**
- **The amount of grant funding each county is eligible to receive will not be determined until after November 2, 2026.** Once all applications are received, the amount of funding available per county will be calculated in accordance with statutory requirements.
- The litter abatement grant funding is to be used for direct expenses, as defined in 401 KAR 49:080 Section 3, incurred during calendar year 2027, associated with anti-litter control programs; for litter cleanup on public roads as provided in KRS 224.43-505; and to meet the requirements established in KRS 224.43-345.
- **Counties are not responsible for contacting their eligible cities before applying for this grant.** The cabinet will notify all incorporated cities of the availability of and eligibility requirements for this grant; enter into agreements directly with those eligible cities that apply; and obtain program information directly from those grantee cities rather than from the counties. **If an incorporated city does not receive litter grant funding from the cabinet, then the county is responsible for performing two (2) city street cleanups in that incorporated city during the calendar year. 401 KAR 49:080 Section 4(2).**

- By March 1, 2028, the county shall submit and certify their litter abatement grant documentation within their Solid Waste Management Area Annual Report Form.
- Litter abatement grant funds not spent during calendar year 2027 must be reimbursed to the cabinet by April 15, 2028.
- Per 401 KAR 49:080, Section 6, any county failing to comply with the terms of the litter abatement grant agreement shall be ineligible for litter abatement grant funding for the following year.
- Per 401 KAR 49:080, Section 3(2)(b), "Litter abatement grant program recipients shall keep documentation related to grant activities, including grant expenditure documentation, for at least three (3) years."
- There is no match requirement for this grant.
- **Provided with this litter packet is a copy of the guidelines in place by the Division if the county plans to use the Litter Abatement Grant for a "Trash for Cash" program. The guidelines are a part of the litter grant packet, and the county agrees to the guidelines once the county signs the County Request and Agreement for Litter Abatement Program Grant Funding form and submits it to the Division.**
- **No equipment can be purchased with this grant. No fuel or repairs of equipment is allowed because those expenses are included in the FEMA hourly rate.**

The disbursement of litter abatement grant funding will be prior to January 1, 2027. Please provide the county's address (as registered with the Finance Cabinet) and the county's Federal ID information on the Litter Abatement Grant Funding agreement. **Submit the signed form by 4:30 p.m., on November 2, 2026, via email to lisa.evans@ky.gov.**

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at lisa.evans@ky.gov or at 502-782-6355.

Sincerely,

Lisa G. Evans

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Attachments:

DEP 7117 County Request and Agreement for Litter Abatement Program Grant Funding
Guidelines for Trash for Cash Programs when using State Litter Abatement Grant
Frequently Asked Questions for Anti-Litter Control Program Grants
FEMA Rates