

# Applications Sought for Grants To Clean Up Illegal Open Dumps, Litter

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**FRANKFORT, Ky. (Aug. 5, 2024)** – Grant applications for two of Team Kentucky’s signature cleanup programs – illegal open dump cleanup and the cleanup of litter along public roads – are now being accepted.

“We’re honored to participate in these two successful grant programs,” said Rebecca Goodman, secretary of the Energy and Environment Cabinet. “The Illegal Open Dump Grant has funded the cleanup of 2,818 dump sites since 2006, and the Litter Abatement Grant has assisted every single county in maintaining the scenic beauty of our roadways.”

Litter cleanup grants are awarded based on a formula that considers road miles, total population and rural population in each county. For illegal open dump cleanup grants, counties request specific amounts based on estimated dump costs.

## **Cleanup of Illegal Dumps**

Counties that are in compliance with their five-year solid waste management plans can now apply for funds to clean up illegal dumps. In the event that sufficient funds are not available to award every request, grant awards may be prioritized on several factors, including location of the dump relative to sensitive receptors or protected areas, the relative hazard posed by the contents of the dumps and the size of the dump.

Applications must be received by Lisa Evans at the Division of Waste Management no later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2024. The completed application, signed original agreement and any supporting documentation must be submitted by **email** in order for the request to be considered complete.

Funding comes from the Kentucky Pride Fund, which is supported by a \$1.75 per ton fee on municipal solid waste disposal in Kentucky's contained landfills.

Each dumpsite under \$50,000 requires a 25% local match. Grant application packets are being sent by email to county judge/executives and solid waste coordinators. For more information, contact Lisa Evans by calling [502-782-6355](tel:502-782-6355) or emailing [lisa.evans@ky.gov](mailto:lisa.evans@ky.gov).

Since 2020, the Beshear administration has allocated \$4,157,026 in grants to clean up 315 dumpsites throughout Kentucky.

In January, Gov. Andy Beshear and Secretary Goodman announced nearly \$930,000 in grants to clean up 69 illegal dumps in 16 counties across the commonwealth.

### **Litter Abatement**

Grant requests for litter cleanup will be accepted from counties in compliance with their five-year solid waste management plans and from incorporated cities, which by solid waste ordinance or other means, provide municipal solid waste collection service.

The Litter Abatement Grant program is supported by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Road Fund and Highway Construction Contingency Fund. Since 2003,

state and local governments have cleaned nearly 3.62 million miles of roadways with help from these grants.

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In December 2023, \$5.45 million was awarded to Kentucky counties and cities in Litter Abatement Grants.

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