

GUIDELINES FOR “TRASH FOR CASH” PROGRAMS WHEN USING STATE LITTER ABATEMENT GRANT

“Trash for Cash” programs can provide funding to non-profit groups to collect litter along roadways. The Division has developed the following guidelines for cities or counties that fund “Trash for Cash” programs using the Kentucky Litter Abatement Grant

1. ELIGIBILITY

Non-profit groups only. Group must be located in the county where the litter cleanup is conducted. The types of groups that may be appropriate for a “Trash for Cash” program include:

- School sports teams, bands and cheerleaders
- Boy Scouts
- Girl Scouts
- Conservation District Groups
- Relay for Life Teams
- Church Groups

2. RATE PER MILE

Local governments can pay **up to \$100 per mile** (which includes both sides of the road). No more than \$100 per mile will be approved for grant funding. The number of miles assigned to a group is left up to the county/city.

3. SAFETY TRAINING

Local government should meet with group leaders to discuss safety issues (proper clothing, materials that should not be picked up, etc.) (Boone County’s Safety First guidance document is included in the grant packet as an example.)

4. SUPPLIES

Local government will provide the groups with bags, vests, gloves, pick-up sticks, signage (“litter crew ahead” or similar) and insect repellent. A one-time purchase of a safety light is an allowable grant expense.

5. PAYMENT

It is recommended that funds not be released until the groups return the following:

- Left over bags
- Vests
- Pick up sticks (do not need to be purchased for each cleanup)
- Signage
- Safety light
- Any other supplies

6. REPORTING

Groups must report to the Solid Waste Coordinator the number of bags collected and number of miles cleaned.

7. INSPECTION

SWC (or other county/city employees) should inspect the roads after the cleanup to make sure they are clean before issuing the check.

8. COLLECTION

Group can bring filled bags to a central location following pickup or can leave them on the side of the road. If left on the side of the road for the road department or solid waste department to pick up, the hourly wage plus benefits of the employee as well as the hourly FEMA rate for the vehicle used can be charged to the grant while they are picking up the bags.

9. EXPERIENCE

It is recommended to have at least one member of the group write a letter to the local government stating what the group learned from the experience of picking up litter along the roadways.

Boone County's Trash for Cash guidance is included in the grant packet and can be used as a reference.