St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District

2027 Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant Program Overview

The St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District was created to expand waste and reduction and recycling in the St. Louis metropolitan region. The District includes the City of St. Louis, Jefferson County, St. Louis County, and St. Charles County. The district's objective is to assist local governments, businesses, industries, private organizations, and citizens in implementing an integrated solid waste management system that minimizes the amount of solid waste being generated for disposal. This can be accomplished, in part, through the Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant Program.

The St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District's grant program is administered by the District's Executive Board in cooperation with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR).

Funds for the program come from a portion of the local contribution to the State Solid Waste Management Fund created pursuant to RSMo Section 260.335.2(4). The source of these funds is a $2.18 per ton fee levied at solid waste landfills and transfer stations within the district and $1.45 per ton at demolition landfills in the district; and $2.18 per ton at transfer stations for solid waste transported out of the state for disposal. The Missouri Department of Natural Resources allocates 39% to their administrative operations and 61% to the 20 solid waste districts throughout the state. The Districts' portion provides funding for the grant program.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

The grant application deadline is Thursday, December 31st, 2026, at 5:00 PM CST.

A confirmation email will be sent to the applicant upon online submission.

Please call The District with any questions - 314-645-6753.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants

Any municipality, county, public institution, not-for-profit organization, private business or individual currently operating in the City of St. Louis, Jefferson County, St. Louis County, or St. Charles County, or who will be operating in one or more of these areas as a result of the project is eligible. These projects must relate to one or more of the eligible categories. Proposals selected for funding will be those which help achieve the goals of the District's Solid Waste Management Plan and demonstrate the applicant's ability to implement a successful program. Incomplete proposals may be eliminated from consideration.

The District reserves the right to negotiate the scope of work, budget, and any other terms, as needed, to accommodate the amount awarded.

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ELIGIBILITY CONTINUED

Projects

Eligible Categories	Priority Projects	Target Materials
Composting Education Household Hazardous Waste Market Development Recycling Waste Reduction	Construction and Demolition Waste Education Hard to Recycle Item (such as Styrofoam, batteries, etc.) Market Development – End Use Reducing Residential Curbside Contamination Re-Use, Repair, or Re-Purpose of Items & Materials	Batteries Comingled Recycling Commercial/Industrial Waste Construction and Demolition Waste Electronics Household Hazardous Waste (excluding latex paint) Mixed Plastic Organics (excludes yard waste) Plastic Film (including shrink wrap) Textiles (including carpet and mattresses)

Use of Funds

All costs and major expenditures must be itemized in the Project Budget. The purchase of products with recycled content is expected and should be detailed in the application. Eligible costs include, but may not be limited to:

1. Collection, processing, manufacturing, or hauling equipment.
2. Materials and labor for construction of building and site improvements.
3. Engineering or consulting fees.
4. Equipment costs including installation, freight, or retrofitting of the equipment.
5. Laboratory analysis costs.
6. Salaries and fringe benefits directly related to the project.
7. Development and distribution of education/informational materials.
8. Planning and implementation of educational/informational forums including but not limited to workshops.
9. Overhead costs directly related to the project.
10. Travel necessary for project completion.
11. Professional services.

Ineligible Costs

1. Operational expenses, such as salaries and expenses that are not directly related to the project activities.
2. Costs incurred before the project start date or after the project end date.
3. Taxes.
4. Legal costs.
5. Contingency funds.
6. Land acquisition.
7. Gifts.
8. Disposal costs for solid waste disposal on an ongoing basis.
9. Fines and penalties.
10. Food and beverage at non-working meetings.
11. Lobbyists.

FUNDING

Grant Funds Requested

The District anticipates having approximately $2 million for the 2027 grant round.

No applicant (applicant is defined as an entity under the same FEIN or its equivalent) shall submit more than (1) one application per grant cycle. Those with diverse and different programs shall combine those into one application.

Grant requests should not exceed $300,000 per grant applicant per grant cycle, unless significant regional-scale projects or programs are being achieved. For regional-scale efforts, the applicant shall provide justification in their proposal that demonstrates regional population served. Applicants shall submit a written proposal a minimum of three weeks prior to submission deadline for review and recommendation by the District staff. This recommendation in no way provides an acceptance or approval of the proposed project or program. ***Written proposals for requests of $300,000 or more must be received by November 9th, 2026.***

Match Funds Provided

A 10% match is the minimum required for all projects. Match can be either "out of pocket" expenditures or in-kind contributions (non-profit entities only) of eligible costs. The percentage of match is based on the total District Funds Requested. A District goal is to leverage as much additional resources as possible. Please include information regarding any matching funds or in-kind services, along with supporting documentation. Matching and/or in-kind funds must follow the same documentation guidelines in the Financial Assistance Agreement (FAA) as District Funds.

Project Budget

Proposals must have detailed budgets with appropriate supporting documentation to justify requested grant amounts. Projects selected for funding will be required to be compliant with the District's Competitive Purchasing Guidelines. Grantees may use their normal purchasing procedures, provided they meet or exceed District thresholds as follows:

- $0 - $10,000 do not require bids.
- $10,000.01 - $99,999.99 require a minimum of three competitive bids, but do not have to be advertised.
- Purchases of $100,000 and above require a minimum of three competitive bids, advertised in at least two daily newspapers five days before bid opening.

CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS INFORMATION

Any applicant may include a request of business confidentiality covering a part, or all, of the information submitted (excluding the Project Description & Executive Summary) by including a letter with the information which requests protection of specific information from disclosure. Confidentially shall be determined or granted in accordance with Chapter 610.021(14), RSMo. However, if no claim accompanies the information when the District receives it, the information may be made available to the public upon request without further notice to the applicant.

If the application results in an award of financial assistance, the honoring of confidentiality shall not limit the District's right to disclose the results of the project to the public.

ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF APPLICATION

The District reserves the right to accept, reject, or request changes in any application for financial assistance. Applicants not selected for grants will be notified as soon as possible after the award decisions have been made. The District reserves the right to waive any informality or irregularity in the proposals received; and to reject any and all proposals. The District may accept any number of projects from the applications submitted as deemed appropriate or as available funding allows. The District can reject proposals that are ineligible or incomplete. The District may offer partial funding to a project.

Following the approval of a proposal, Financial Assistance Agreement (FAA) negotiations will begin with the selected applicants. The District is not liable for any costs incurred by any parties in the course of preparing a proposal.

Grants are administered on a reimbursement basis for the eligible and approved project expenditures. Costs incurred prior to a project's start date are not eligible for reimbursement. The applicant may invoice the District to request grant payments as stipulated in the FAA once the signed agreement has been returned to the grantee. Grant payments will only be disbursed to recipients who are in compliance with all purchasing, reporting, and other requirements. The District is required to retain 15% of the total grant award amount until all requirements of the FAA are completed, and the final written project report has been accepted by the District.

REGULATIONS

Compliance with Regulations

Before the District can begin reimbursing expenses, recipients must identify and secure all applicable federal, state, and local permits, approvals, licenses, or waivers required by law and necessary to implement the project. This includes any zoning permits. Copies of all applicable documentation must be provided to the District prior to any release of funds. Compliance with E-Verification is also required.

Accountability

Projects receiving financial assistance will be reimbursed for eligible expenses in accordance with the terms of the FAA. Additionally, projects shall comply with all requirements specified in the FAA, including:

1. Submitting one copy of each quarterly and final report, including information on tonnage diverted, participation of educational projects, and other measurable outcomes.
2. Maintaining an adequate accounting system and internal accounting control over grant expenditures.
3. Retaining all project records and supporting documents for 3 years, or longer, if needed for any litigation, claim, negotiation, or audit.
4. Competitive bidding and purchasing requirements.
5. Security agreements, lien filings, deeds of trust, and lien filings on purchases of equipment and building and site improvements, as necessary.
6. Retaining all security documents for 5 years.

All General Terms and Conditions of the District applicable to the recipient of financial assistance will also apply to projects funded through the District's Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant Program which may include, among others: the utilization of minority, women's and small Disadvantaged Business Enterprise firms, and compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act. The district will also require compliance with the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigration Responsibility Act.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Each project application will be evaluated using criteria set forth in state regulations, as appropriate, per project category, the District's Priority Projects and Targeted Materials. Criteria to be used in ranking project proposals may include the following:

1. **Conforms with State Resource Recovery Priorities:** *priority is granted to projects which work toward implementing Missouri's Policy on Resource Recovery.*

   The project promotes and/or practices waste reduction or reuse. **OR**
   The project promotes and/or practices collection/processing, market development or composting. **OR**
   The project promotes and/or practices recovery and use of energy from waste materials. **OR**
   The project does not conform with the State criteria.

2. **Applicant is compliant with Federal, State or Local Requirements** (permits, waivers, licenses).

3. **Priority Project 2027:** *The project is targeted towards a high priority plan item, including but not limited to:*

   Construction and Demolition Waste
   Education
   Hard to Recycle Item (such as Styrofoam, batteries, etc.)
   Market Development – End Use
   Reducing Residential Curbside Contamination
   Re-Use, Repair, or Re-Purpose of Items & Materials

4. **Targeted Materials 2027:** *The project reduces, reuses or recycles targeted materials, including but not limited to:*

   Batteries
   Comingled Recycling
   Commercial/Industrial Waste
   Construction and Demolition Waste
   Electronics
   Household Hazardous Waste (excluding latex paint)
   Mixed Plastic
   Organics (excludes yard waste)
   Plastic Film (including shrink wrap)
   Textiles (including carpet and mattresses)

   Degree of waste reduction or recycling: criterion will be judged by the amount of waste reduction or recycling with consideration given to cost per ton, resulting through the proposed process or service over the short or long term.

   Degree of Outreach and Education Impact: Degree of outreach and education impact on waste reduction, diversion and recycling may be judged by the amount of people reached, with consideration given to cost per person of the proposed process or service, or other goal evaluation criteria.

5. **Innovative Project:** *criterion will be evaluated for: Utilization of a new or promising technology or addresses a need or service not widely provided in the District.*

   Use of Recovered Materials or Target Audience: criterion measures the strength of commitment for feedstock needed to complete a manufacturing or collection project or the documented availability of targeted materials or targeted audience in a waste reduction or education project, as documented by: letters of commitment, contracts or other verifiable documents.

   Community-based economic development: criterion will be judged by the degree to which the project contributes to community based economic development.

6. **Financial strategy, match, and commitment:** *criterion will measure quality of budget and applicant's financial stability to successfully implement project. Credit could be given for additional match funding.*

   Need for proposed service, information, product or market: criterion will be evaluated by the evidence documenting the need for:
   i) the proposed service, information. product or market or
   ii) for the strength of commitments from the end-markets.

7. **Overall merit of the project:** *Reviewer has the capability to judge the project proposal with multiple criteria:*

   Is the project technically feasible?
   Is the project manager capable of completing the project?
   Can the project be implemented?
   Is the program Sustainable? (Able to operate without future funding)
   Is it valuable for the District to fund?
   Results from past grants.