

Highland County 2017 Recycling Grant Applications Available

The Highland County Commissioners and the Highland County Recycling Office are rolling out the county's 2017 Recycling Grant Program. The Ross Pickaway Highland Fayette Joint Solid Waste District annually allocates monies to each county within the solid waste district to implement recycling and solid waste related programs and projects. In 2017, the Highland County Commissioners were allotted \$10,000 for their Solid Waste & Recycling Revolving Fund. Highland County Commissioners have chosen to dedicate a portion of their Revolving Fund allotment to a recycling grant program for Highland County.

Grant moneys can be used for costs associated with conducting solid waste and recycling activities that are consistent with the approved RPHF Solid Waste Management Plan. An example project would be the cleanup of properties declared a nuisance by the local health district or a government entity. Another example would be the establishment of a local office or institutional or event recycling program. Grant moneys could also be used to start a residential curbside recycling program.

The following are eligible to apply: Municipal corporations, villages, townships, state colleges, park districts, health districts and not for profit corporations within Highland County.

The maximum grant to be awarded is \$5,000 and the applying agency or organization must provide an equal cash match to the money requested from the Commissioners.

For additional information or for application materials for this grant visit the Highland County Commissioners website at www.co.highland.oh.us , or call the Highland County Recycling Outreach Specialist, Heidi Devine, at 937-509-2899 or at recycle@co.highland.oh.us.

Application Deadline is May 1, 2017. Completed grants can be mailed to ***Highland County Commissioners, 119 Governor Foraker Place, Hillsboro, Ohio, 45133*** or dropped off at the Highland County Commissioners office at the above address. Grant funding will be determined by June 1, 2017 by the Commissioners. All grant related work must be completed between June 1 and November 15, 2017.

ONGOING RECYCLING AND LITTER PREVENTION ACTIVITIES...

The Highland County Recycling Office has supplies that can be given to groups wanting to do a cleanup event. Supplies available include orange plastic bags, latex gloves, orange safety vest and others. Groups need to have a volunteer leader to coordinate activities. This project is funded by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency through a grant awarded to the Highland County Recycling Office and the County Commissioners. Contact Heidi Devine, Recycling Outreach Specialist at 937-509-2899 or at recycle@co.highland.oh.us to apply.

UPCOMING RECYCLING EVENTS...

Two other recycling events to be held in Highland County this summer are the electronics collection on August 5 at Premier Grain in Leesburg and the tire collection on August 19 to be held centrally in the county at a location yet to be determined. Details on these events will be released this spring.