

U.S. EPA Solid waste assistance grant program and key timelines

Please contact your EPA Solid Waste, Pollution Prevention, or GAP Project Officer for more information on these programs:

Interagency Open Dump Cleanup Workgroup and Grant Program

- **Funding Agencies:** EPA, IHS, BIA, USDA - RUS, DOD.
- **Awards Range:** \$14,000-400,000; total funding is approximately \$2 million nationwide.
- **Timeline:** available in November; full proposals due January.
- **Key Information:** can be used for planning, training, developing codes, and implementation.

Region 9 Resource Conservation Funds

- **Funding Agency:** EPA Region 9 Office of Pollution Prevention and Solid Waste.
- **Awards Range:** Usually \$20,000-40,000 per award; approximately 3 projects funded per year.
- **Timeline:** Solicitation generally available in January; funding decisions in mid-April.
- **Key Information:** funds restricted to planning and training, small demonstration projects.

Region 9 Indian General Assistance Program (GAP)

http://www.epa.gov/region09/cross_pr/indian/index.html

- **Funding Agency:** EPA Region 9 Tribal Programs Office.
- **Awards Range:** Varies.
- **Timeline:** Solicitation generally available by November; funding decisions in mid-spring.
- **Key Information:** May be used for solid waste planning, code development, and implementation.

Innovations Workgroup (IWG) Grant Program

<http://www.epa.gov/oswer/iwg/>

- **Funding Agency:** U.S. EPA Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER).
- **Awards Range:** \$20,000-40,000.
- **Timeline:** generally available twice a year; proposals due December 5, 2003 and April 16, 2004.
- **Key Information:** Projects may include waste minimization, energy recovery, recycling, land revitalization, and homeland security.

U.S./Mexico Border 2012 Grant Program

http://www.epa.gov/r6border/b2012_rfp.pdf

- **Funding Agency:** U.S. EPA.
- **Awards Range:** \$30,000-100,000.
- **Timeline:** Proposals due December 31, 2003; final funding decisions in April 2004.
- **Key Information:** 5% non-federal match required; construction ineligible.

Pollution Prevention Grants for States (PPG)

- **Funding Agency:** U.S. EPA.
- **Awards Range:** Up to \$200,000.
- **Timeline:** generally available in early Spring; funding decisions in early Summer.
- **Key Information:** 50% non-federal match required.

Available Web and Print Resources

The following web sites contain links and information on some available funding sources, examples of projects that have successfully competed for funding in the past, and hints for developing successful grant proposals:

- Region 9 Solid Waste Program Web Site:
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/solid/index.html>
- EPA National Tribal Solid Waste Program Web Site:
<http://www.epa.gov/tribalmsw/>
- Region 9 Resource Conservation Funds Measurement Fact Sheet:
http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/rcra_measurements.html
- Region 9 Funding Sources:
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html>
- Tribal Municipal Solid Waste Publications, Sample Codes, Guidance Manuals, etc.:
<http://www.epa.gov/tribalmsw/thirds/remsw.htm>
- Region 9 Pollution Prevention Program Web Site:
http://www.epa.gov/region09/cross_pr/p2/index.html

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Tribal Solid Waste and Pollution Prevention Program

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Region





U.S. EPA Region 9

represents over 140 Native American Tribes, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, and the U.S. Pacific Island Territories.

Program Goals and Areas of Responsibility

EPA's Pacific Southwest/Region 9 Tribal Solid Waste and Pollution Prevention Program encourages municipal solid waste management practices in Indian Country that protect human health and the environment. EPA works with tribal, state, and federal partners to provide support with training, technical assistance, outreach and education, and funding resources for solid waste and pollution prevention projects such as:

- Closing open dump sites
- Developing sustainable integrated solid waste management systems
- Waste reduction (reduce, reuse, recycle, rot)
- Pollution prevention

Partnerships for Solid Waste Management

EPA Region 9's Solid Waste Program works with state and tribal agencies to ensure the safe and effective management of solid waste within the RCRA Subtitle D regulatory framework. EPA collaborates with tribal governments to develop integrated solid waste management plans and to close open dumps. In serving as a resource to state and tribal governments, we provide technical assistance and training, grant funding, and facilitate peer networking and community education. EPA also assists tribes with site-specific flexibility determinations for municipal solid waste landfills.

Circuit Rider Program

EPA's Circuit Rider program provides on-site technical assistance to tribes through the development of solid waste management plans, codes and ordinances, and enforcement programs. Tribes can receive assistance to identify alternatives to illegal dumping and to find new innovative ways to manage their waste. In addition to working with tribal governments, the Circuit Rider also coordinates with other federal and state agencies.

Enforcement and Inspections

EPA provides technical assistance to improve compliance at tribal landfills. In addition, EPA helps close open dumps in Indian Country by providing funding and technical assistance to develop solid waste management enforcement programs. For sites posing an imminent and substantial danger to human health and the environment, EPA can enforce compliance under RCRA Section 7003. Citizens can bring federal civil suits under RCRA Section 7002 for potential or actual violations of RCRA.

EPA relies on our partnerships with the Indian Health Service (IHS) and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to rank the relative risk of open dump sites and prioritize them for closure. EPA also works closely with BIA to take enforcement action against the operators of specific sites when necessary.

What other programs and initiatives should I know about?

WasteWise is a voluntary program that helps businesses, government agencies, tribal governments, and nonprofit organizations save money by reducing their garbage. Organizations join the program for three years and set goals in three areas: waste prevention, recyclables collection, and the purchase or manufacture of recycled products. Join WasteWise and cut your organization's costs and waste. Learn how from the vast network of WasteWise partners and resources. It's free to join, and you gain public recognition for your organization's efforts.

www.epa.gov/wastewise or 800-EPA-WISE

Buy Recycled: Buying recycled content products closes the recycling loop by creating viable markets for recycled materials. EPA provides information about these products through our "Buy-Recycled Series" fact sheets and Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines, available on-line at the following web pages:

www.epa.gov/cpg
www.epa.gov/opptintr/epp

Resource Conservation Challenge (RCC):

The Resource Conservation Challenge is a national effort to find flexible, yet effective ways to conserve our valuable resources. The RCC has three primary goals:

- Prevent pollution, and promote recycling and reuse;
- Reduce priority toxic chemicals at all stages of a product's life cycle;
- Conserve energy and materials.

The RCC challenges all Americans - producers, sellers, and buyers of goods - to adopt a resource conservation ethic; purchase wisely; improve resource efficiency; and make and use products that are easy to recycle and are made of recycled materials. To find out more, please visit the RCC website:

<http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/osw/conserve/index.htm>