



Grants and Loans to Local Governments 2007 Solid Waste Management Update

During Fiscal Year 2007, over half a million dollars (\$594,196.62) in Solid Waste Trust Fund (SWTF) receipts were awarded to Georgia communities to help them manage solid waste. By fostering the development of local, integrated solid waste management programs, the SWTF, funded by a \$1 per tire fee when new tires are purchased in the state, is used for scrap tire management and cleanup; closure of abandoned landfills, grants to local governments for waste reduction and recycling; emergency, preventative and corrective actions at solid waste facilities, market development from recycled products; solid waste education and enforcement; and litter prevention and abatement. The fund is used to support the Environmental Protection Division's (EPD) Local Government Scrap Tire Eradication Reimbursement program, the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority's (GEFA) Recycling and Waste Reduction Grant program, solid waste programs offered by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) and other state agencies, and local government programs striving to reduce and manage the solid waste disposed in Georgia. In addition to the programs supported by the SWTF, the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority and Georgia Department of Community Affairs have other grant and loan programs available to local governments to support their solid waste management efforts.

Environmental Protection Division (EPD)

EPD's Local Government Scrap Tire Eradication Reimbursement program was designed to support local efforts to prevent and enforce against illegal scrap tire and solid waste disposal. The program gives local governments financial incentives to use enforcement and education activities to address:

1. The management of scrap tires, including preventing the illegal dumping of scrap tires;
2. Solid waste reduction and the controlling of illegal dumps; and
3. Other environmental issues.

An eligible applicant may be comprised of one or more local governments. Grant funds are available for establishing and maintaining local programs that uses enforcement, eradication, and education components to meet its program goals. Continued grant funding is not guaranteed from year to year. Renewal requests are based upon need, the performance of the Local Government Scrap Tire Eradication Reimbursement program, and the availability of funds.



Grant information and application material for the Local Government Scrap Tire Eradication Reimbursement program are available on the Environmental Protection Division's web site, www.dnr.state.ga.us under "Environmental" then under "Technical Guidance." Or, contact Winthrop Brown at (404) 362-2537 or email winthrop.brown@dnr.state.ga.us.



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EPD disbursed over \$371 thousand dollars in Local Government Scrap Tire Eradication Reimbursement program funds in FY 2007. EPD's program prevents against the illegal disposal and management of scrap tires and solid waste. The program funded projects in 37 communities, offsetting the local costs to clean up tire piles where the responsible party is either unwilling to remove the tires, cannot afford to remove them, or is unknown. A local government may also use program money to remove tires as part of a community-sponsored clean up event (e.g., Earth Day, America Recycles Day, or Rivers Alive). Below is a list of communities that received funding in 2007.

Local Government Scrap Tire Eradication Reimbursement Program Awards FY 2007					
Community	Amount	Community	Amount	Community	Amount
City of Keysville	\$ 4,458.93	Decatur County	\$26,332.15	Murray County	\$ 3,700.00
City of Homerville	\$56,320.50	Fannin County	\$ 5,000.00	Oglethorpe County	\$ 748.85
City of Swainsboro	\$11,261.00	Forsyth County	\$ 1,935.25	Oglethorpe County	\$ 737.98
City of Atlanta	\$27,348.50	Fulton County	\$17,850.00	Quality Tire Recycling	\$ 2,100.00
City of Eatonton	\$ 3,408.25	Hall County	\$ 5,404.55	Peach County	\$ 2,405.70
City of Hogansville	\$ 0.00	Hart County	\$12,880.54	Pierce County	\$ 8,250.00
City of Loganville	\$18,000.00	Jackson County	\$12,945.27	Polk County	\$12,652.00
Baker County	\$13,659.26	Johnson County	\$ 3,830.75	Randolph County	\$15,186.00
Banks County	\$ 3,750.00	Lamar County	\$ 3,250.00	Rockdale County	\$ 1,336.25
Barrow County	\$ 6,447.50	Laurens County	\$12,541.30	Screven County	\$16,204.90
Bulloch County	\$ 6,348.00	Liberty County	\$ 2,000.00	Union County	\$ 8,697.50
Cook County	\$24,517.09	Lowndes County	\$ 8,451.75		
Crawford County	\$ 4,779.75	Madison County	\$ 6,761.10	TOTAL	\$371,500.62

Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA)

GEFA annually administers a program funded by the SWTF that is intended to help local governments foster an integrated approach to solid waste management by supporting waste reduction, recycling, and composting programs. Grants of up to \$50,000 are available to qualified cities, counties, and solid waste authorities. Demonstration projects or projects implementing an integrated solid waste management plan designed to help the state reach its waste reduction goal were eligible to receive grants of up to \$200,000.

Grant applications are typically due in late March and reviewed in mid-April. Awards are typically announced in May. GEFA *Recycling and Waste Reduction Grant* applications are available by request or can be downloaded from the GEFA Web site at www.gefa.org. Contact Richard Ross at (404) 584-1031 or ross@gefa.org to request and application or to obtain more information about GEFA's *Recycling and Waste Reduction Grant* program.

GEFA disbursed \$222,696 in *Recycling and Waste Reduction Grants* in FY 2007. The program funded projects in 7 local communities, offsetting the local costs of waste reduction and recycling through the purchase of equipment for local government recycling centers and supporting the development of integrated solid waste management plans. A list of communities awarded grants in 2007 and a brief description of their program are included in the table on the following page.



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Recycling and Waste Reduction Grants		
FY 2007		
Community	Amount	Description
City of Alpharetta	\$22,500.00	Hold one-day household hazardous waste collection event
City of Atlanta	\$63,250.00	Purchase special RFID tags for collection bins to electronically collect recycling data.
City of Camilla	\$16,946.00	Purchase new forklift.
Dalton-Whitfield County	\$25,000.00	Purchase five (5) 40-cubic yard collection containers.
Hall County	\$45,000.00	Conduct a facilities assessment of existing recycling programs and practices.
Oconee County	\$10,000.00	Purchase commercial-grade composting bins for resale to citizens at reduced cost.
City of Thomason	\$40,000.00	Expand current recycling center in order to offer recycling services to Warren County and the City of Warrenton.
TOTAL	\$222,696.00	

Another financial support program offered by GEFA is their low interest revolving loan program available to local governments. There were no GEFA funds loaned to local jurisdictions for solid waste programs in FY 2007.

Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA)

DCA annually administers a Local Development Fund Grant program, a state appropriated grant program that provides matching grants to finance community improvement activities, including solid waste management projects. Grants are typically awarded in maximum amounts of \$10,000 for single community projects and \$20,000 for multi-community projects. Applications are reviewed based on the following criteria:

- Feasibility including such factors as reasonableness of budgets and timetables, adequate consideration of all the factors necessary for implementation, commitment from other funding sources, etc.
- Impact of the project on the community and community need.

No Local Development Fund Grant projects were awarded during FY 2007.

More information on the Local Development Funds is available on DCA's Web site at www.dca.state.ga.us or contact Cynthia Easley at 404-679-4789 or ceasley@dca.state.ga.us.



For more information regarding Georgia's solid waste management or for a glossary of terms used in this report, contact the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, Office of Environmental Management at 404-679-4940, or online at www.dca.state.ga.us/environmental/swar.html