

# COMMUNITY WASTE REDUCTION GRANT



## PROGRAM GOALS

- Divert materials from the landfill
- Leverage the waste stream for community benefit
- Build partnerships & collaborate
- Engage the community
- Conserve natural resources



## OVERVIEW

Each year Franklin County landfills approximately one million tons of materials. Nearly 70% of which could be recycled, composted or diverted. Recycling and waste reduction supports our local economy, conserves natural resources, and contributes to a healthier environment.

The core goal of the competitive SWACO Community Waste Reduction (CWR) Grant Program is to maintain and improve Franklin County's recycling rate of 45% by funding innovative projects that address unique community waste reduction needs and have the ability to be sustainably modeled throughout central Ohio.

The CWR Grant supports efforts led by government entities and non-profits focused on diverting materials from the landfill through:

- Waste Reduction & Reuse
- Organic Waste & Food Waste Diversion
- Recycling
- Outreach, Education & Awareness

Applications will be available in the Summer, with a deadline in Fall. Awardees are announced in December and funds are made available in January/ February. Awardees are required to submit a final report and financial documentation.

*Have a great idea to increase waste reduction and diversion, but lack the funds to implement? This is the program for you!*



## ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Eligible applicants for the CWR Grant Program include local governmental and non-profit organizations, including but not limited to, townships, cities, villages, parks, public schools and universities located within SWACO's District.

Criteria for evaluating applications include project planning, measurable outcomes, financial viability, need, and project sustainability. Grants are competitively awarded.

## FUNDING

The minimum grant amount is \$500 and the maximum is \$35,000. Applicants must demonstrate a 25% monetary contribution towards the project.

Allowable costs may include:

- Recycling & Diversion Equipment
- Educational Supplies & Materials
- Personal Service Contracts



Additional details available online at  
[www.swaco.org](http://www.swaco.org)

## PAST AWARDEES

Six grants were awarded to local communities and organizations for the 2016 to 2017 award cycle: City of Bexley, Ohio History Connection, Goodwill Columbus, Mid Ohio Foodbank, City of Westerville, and Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging.



Award: \$29,000

Purpose of Funding:

Develop a Zero Waste Plan focused on residential, commercial, institutional and industrial sectors within the City.

The Plan will provide a blue print for how to continue to reduce, reuse, and recycle through collaborative efforts and planning across multiple sectors.



Award: \$21,564

Purpose of Funding:

Launch a new Outlet Store, which will provide a secondary opportunity to divert items from the landfill.

This program focuses on items that Goodwill does not have established reuse and recycling markets (e.g. glass, ceramics, wood, furniture and books).



Award: \$10,860

Purpose of Funding:

Implement the use of new equipment and systems to further reduce food waste in Franklin County.

This effort will help divert more edible food to the region's emergency feeding network where it will be used to provide nourishing meals to those in need.