

# Indiana Department of Environmental Management Indiana Recycling Grant Program FY2010 Annual Report

The Source Reduction and Recycling (SR&R) Branch provides financial and technical assistance to support and develop recycling activities through the Recycling Grant Program (IC 13-20-22-2) and the Recycling Market Development Program (RMDP) (IC 4-23-5.5-14). These programs work to reduce solid waste disposal and increase Indiana's recyclable material manufacturing capacity, as well as increase the use of recycled content products by working with local units of government, solid waste management districts, schools, not-for-profits, businesses, and recycling industries. Promoting the concept of collecting, using, and producing recycled materials in Indiana is a means of supporting the agency's initiatives of job creation and economic stability leading to environmental stewardship of natural resources.

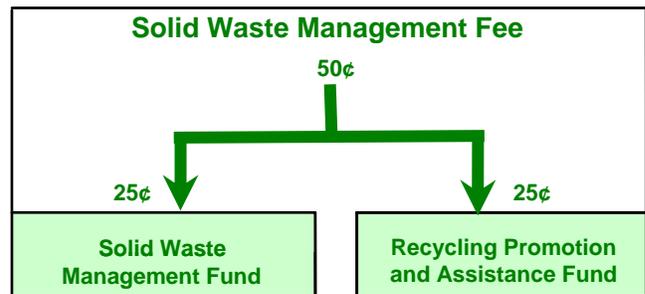
### **Suspension of Recycling Grants and Loan Programs**

Currently, as all levels of government around the country are managing revenue shortfalls, the state of Indiana committed to keeping all essential governmental services running smoothly and effectively during difficult times. Therefore, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management in December 2008 suspended state-funded grant and loan programs, including the Recycling Grant Program and the Recycling Market Development Program.

Due to the suspension of these Programs, no projects were funded in Fiscal Year 2010, and no money was expended. Until the fiscal situation is resolved, no estimate of money required to meet grant requests or recommended changes to the program will be provided through this annual report. The following provides a quick overview of funding sources and revenue amounts.

### **Indiana Recycling Grants and Loan Programs**

Funding for the Programs comes from the Solid Waste Management Fee--a \$.50 per ton charge on final disposal of solid waste at a landfill or incinerator. Accordingly, the Solid Waste Management Fund receives \$0.25, which supports the Recycling Grant Program. This Program assists communities by allocating funding for Recycling Grants, Public Education and Promotion Grants, and School Recycling Learning Grants. The other half of the Solid Waste Management Fee is deposited in a separate fund: the Recycling Promotion Assistance Fund, which supports the Recycling Market Development Program. The RMDP offers grants and loans to eligible Indiana business. Funding decisions for the RMDP projects are approved by the Recycling Market Development Board.



Total revenue received for the Solid Waste Management Fund for FY 2010, was \$2,633,326.

The total revenue received for the Recycling Promotion Assistance Fund for FY 2010 was \$3,786,763 (Note: This included not only the Solid Waste Management Fee allocated to the RPAF Fund -- \$2,463,241, but also \$1,323,522 in loan repayments).

## **Summary**

OPPTA's Source Reduction and Recycling Branch staff continue to further recycling's environmental and economic benefits by offering to help all Hoosiers through technical and financial assistance: whether businesses wishing to set-up shop or citizens needing guidance to find sellers and processors of recyclable goods.

For more information about recycling in Indiana and recycling resources, please visit the *Recycle Indiana* Web site at: [www.recycle.in.gov](http://www.recycle.in.gov).

## **Update**

*Please note:*

*In April of 2010, Indiana released a total of \$500,000 to IDEM's Recycling Market Development Program for grants to aid private businesses purchase equipment specifically needed to remanufacture recyclable materials into finished products or industrial feedstocks. Grants ranged from \$50,000 up to \$200,000 with a required 50 percent match. The RMDP grant round is expected to be competitive for FY 2011; with eligible applications to be presented on August 19, 2010 to the Recycling Market Development Board for funding consideration.*