

RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT OF GRANT FUNDING AVAILABILITY

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) announces grant funding availability through the Recycling Market Development Program (RMDP).

- **Grant Proposals will be accepted beginning August 29, 2016.**
- **Grant funding requests may range from \$1,000 up to \$500,000, with a 50 percent required match.**
- **Deadline for proposals is October 17, 2016.**

Attachment A: Proposal Evaluation Criteria

RMDP Proposal Evaluation Criteria	
Conformance with the goals and priorities of the Recycling Market Development Program	
The work proposed would further progress the priorities of the RMDP. The overall goals of the RMDP are:	
<p>A. Increase the amount of recyclable materials recovered from the solid waste stream for the purposes of: (1) use or reuse; (2) conversion into raw materials; or (3) use in the production of new products.</p> <p>Materials include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Glass 2) Metal, including white goods (ferrous) 3) Metal (non-ferrous) 4) Paper and paper products (all grades) 5) Plastic and plastic products 6) Single stream recyclable materials 7) Any other distinct type of recyclable material not specified in 1) through 6) 	20
<p>B. Reduce the amount of materials discarded or ending in final disposal by improving the collection means and/or preparation for processing of recyclable materials to meet the state of Indiana's 50% recycling goal. This can include projects that better curbside collection, refine manufacturing processes, or increase awareness of business and community recycling opportunities through public outreach and education campaigns.</p>	20
<p>C. Positively impact local economics. In a circular economy, recycling would not only enhance collection of materials for reuse and recycling, and increase materials and markets for recyclers and manufacturers, but help the local economy create products and jobs. Eligible projects located in economically distressed areas providing wages greater than the county's average will receive additional consideration.*</p>	15
<p>D. Other environmental benefits. This would include improving air, water, or land quality or advancing emerging technology trends in recycling.</p>	10
Each project does not need to address all of these priorities, but they should form an important component of an overall regional effort toward achieving them.	

Need for the proposed work	
The proposal demonstrates that there is a large need within the community for the proposed work. Gaps in current knowledge or infrastructure that will be filled should be identified and the importance of filling these gaps explained. The work should result, directly or indirectly, in an increased availability of recyclable materials for processors and/or recyclable products for citizens.	10
Appropriateness of budget	
The suggested budget is reasonable and is in line with the work proposed and with expected benefits.	10
Integration with management efforts	
The project will facilitate environmental management efforts by engaging appropriate partners such as businesses, government agencies, academia, community groups, or stakeholders to increase and continue opportunities for recycling projects, products, and markets, as well as recycling outreach and education activities.	10
Integration with prior and concurrent work and capacity-building for future work	
The proposal takes into account similar prior and concurrent work. Whenever possible, efforts to form synergies with such work are made and duplication is avoided. The work is designed in a way to facilitate use of resulting information in future projects. The project should allow for additional research and development.	5

(*Information based on Stats Indiana at <http://www.stats.indiana.edu/>; economically distressed counties reviewed as the bottom 20 below Indiana's mean income.)