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New Mexico Environment Department Accepting Grant Applications \$1,000,000 Available for Recycling, Abatement of Illegal Dumping, and Scrap Tire Management

Santa Fe - The New Mexico Environment Department is now accepting applications for 2016-2017 Recycling and Illegal Dumping (RAID) Act grants. Municipalities, counties, solid waste authorities, cooperative associations, land grant communities, pueblos, tribes, and nations are eligible entities encouraged to apply for scrap tire management, illegal dumping abatement, and recycling projects. Funds totaling \$1,000,000 are available to these eligible entities. Ineligible entities are encouraged to partner with eligible entities.

Two-thirds of the grant fund is available for scrap tire management, and one-third is available for illegal dumping abatement and recycling projects. Although no matching funds are required to be eligible, in-kind and cash fund matching increases the chances of a project receiving funding.

Those interested in applying should review the priorities for this grant cycle before beginning their planning. These may be found in the grant application. Proposals consistent with these priorities are significantly more likely to receive funding. Examples include abatement of illegal dumpsites near bodies of water, tire amnesty days, educational outreach, and projects that promote organics recycling.

Applicants are encouraged to apply for significant projects that will expend substantial funding. The Department seeks to award fewer grants that individually accomplish more than a multitude of smaller projects. However, applicants should not be discouraged from applying for smaller projects that are in need.

Grant applications can be found on the Solid Waste Bureau website at: <http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/swb/GrantandLoanPrograms.htm>. **Applications are due no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, April 1st, 2016.** They may be submitted by e-mail, fax, mail, or in person at the Solid Waste Bureau office. Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis for the fiscal year starting on July 1, 2016 and ending on June 30, 2017. Although projects must be completed within this time period, multi-year projects designed with phases corresponding to these fiscal year grant cycles will receive special consideration.

For more information about the RAID grants or the upcoming grant cycle or to discuss project ideas, contact Recycling Coordinator, Neal Denton, at (505) 827-2653 or neal.denton@state.nm.us.

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