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**New Mexico communities awarded \$800K for recycling and illegal dumpsite cleanup projects**

*19 projects funded in FY23 will improve quality of life and environment throughout entire state*

**SANTA FE** - The New Mexico Environment Department is excited to announce the newest round of recipients of Recycling and Illegal Dumping (RAID) grants for fiscal year 2023.

Communities, tribes, and pueblos around the state – many in rural areas – received \$800,000. Grant funding was spent on cleaning up illegal dumpsites, establishing composting programs, offsetting the cost of scrap tire collection and recycling, providing educational outreach on scrap tire management and illegal dumping prevention, and expanding recycling programs.

“RAID grants provide important funding that allows communities throughout New Mexico, especially those in rural areas, to improve the quality of life for their residents while protecting human health and the environment,” said **Environment Cabinet Secretary James Kenney**. “The diversity and creativity of projects awarded this year is both impressive and inspiring. These projects will have a positive impact across the entire state.”

“Solid waste that has been illegally dumped can pollute water, land, and air, and can lead to the spread of disease,” said **Solid Waste Bureau Chief Joan Snider**. “The RAID grant program not only enables communities to clean up existing sites but also supports education to prevent future dumping.”

Funding has been awarded to the following recipients:

- Pueblo of Santa Ana
- City of Socorro
- Taos Pueblo
- Roosevelt County
- Santa Fe County
- North Central Solid Waste Authority
- Estancia Valley Solid Waste Authority
- Village of Magdalena
- City of Clovis
- Zuni Pueblo
- Sierra County
- Village of Los Ranchos
- Los Alamos County
- Pueblo of Isleta
- City of Raton
- Bernalillo County

The RAID grant is made possible through a special revenue fund derived from a fee on motor vehicle registrations. Approximately \$800,000 is available through the fund annually. Between 2006 and 2022, NMED awarded 353 RAID grants totaling more than \$11.2 million.

The application period for the grant program is in February and March of each year. Grant recipients are selected by the 12-member RAID Alliance appointed by the Environment Cabinet Secretary.

View a full list of the 2022 recipients and project details below. More information on the RAID program is available [here](#).

<b>Grantee</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Pueblo of Santa Ana	The Pueblo of Santa Ana will partner with local pueblos to remove scrap tires that have been collected in their communities. The pueblos will host scrap tire collection events and send collected tires to a recycling facility where they will be turned into crumb rubber.	\$11,800.00
City of Socorro	City of Socorro will shred scrap tires into rubber mulch to be used as an alternative daily cover for the local landfill.	\$240,151.08
Taos Pueblo	Taos Pueblo will purchase a baler, rent 40-yard roll-offs, and purchase compost bins to increase cardboard recycling, improve collection of single stream recycling, and start an organics recycling program. The project includes an education campaign and events allowing residents to drop off scrap tires, to avoid illegal dumping.	\$28,002.00
Roosevelt County	Roosevelt County will clean up a stockpile of about 10 tons of large and small scrap tires the road department has collected from multiple illegal dumpsites. The tires will be shredded and properly disposed of.	\$22,204.00
Santa Fe County	Santa Fe County will purchase three roll-off containers for scrap tire collection and will host several tire drop-off days for county residents at convenience centers. The project includes an education campaign to promote proper scrap tire disposal.	\$40,970.00
North Central Solid Waste Authority (NCSWA)	NCSWA will address illegal dumping by hosting community collection events for residents to dispose of large items and scrap tires.	\$6,254.00
Estancia Valley Solid Waste Authority	Estancia Valley Solid Waste Authority (EVSWA) will conduct several amnesty events to collect about 15 tons of scrap tires from communities within their service area, including portions of Torrance, Bernalillo, Guadalupe, and Santa Fe Counties. An industrial-sized tire shredder capable of shredding 500 tires per day will be used to shred the tires for use as alternate daily cover at EVSWA's landfill.	\$60,000.00
Village of Magdalena	Village of Magdalena will purchase bins and host monthly collection events for scrap tires, scrap metals, and discarded appliances.	\$29,985.00
City of Clovis	Clovis Regional Landfill will rent a large tire shredder to reduce the scrap tire stockpile at the landfill. The shredded tires will use less space in the landfill and the project will reduce the health and fire hazards posed by the stockpile.	\$30,901.92
Zuni Pueblo	The Pueblo of Zuni will remove collected scrap tires from the transfer station and transport them to a regional landfill to be processed for recycling.	\$15,000.00
Sierra County	Sierra County will abate multiple illegal dumpsites containing household trash, dead animals, bulky materials, scrap metals, and scrap tires within the Rio Grande corridor near Truth or Consequences. The project includes an education campaign concurrent with cleanups to deter and prevent illegal dumping in the county.	\$31,065.00

Estancia Valley Solid Waste Authority	EVSWA will abate an illegal dumpsite.	\$17,000.00
Village of Los Ranchos	This project is a collaboration between several different entities to construct and maintain community compost sites in the urban areas of Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Las Cruces, and Isleta Pueblo. Each partnering entity will construct a three-bin composting system and perform education and outreach to the local community on composting best practices. These sites will serve as community drop-off locations for food scraps and yard waste and will be managed by residents to produce compost for use in the community to assist in the diversion of food scraps and yard debris.	\$30,357.00
Los Alamos County	Los Alamos County will purchase five self-dumping hoppers with lids to be used for the advancement of the county's yard waste composting program.	\$59,454.00
San Juan County	San Juan County will purchase two dump trailers to be used to prevent and clean illegal dumpsites.	\$26,600.00
Los Alamos County	Los Alamos County will install one Clean Cube solar-powered recycling bin to be placed in a high traffic area, to compact recyclables and encourage waste reduction.	\$7,835.00
Pueblo of Isleta	Pueblo of Isleta will purchase a vertical baler to start baling cardboard, plastics, and aluminum to improve storage space and transportation efficiencies of recyclable materials. The project will improve recycling service to tribal businesses and administrative offices while increasing the value of recyclables when taken to market.	\$18,516.50
City of Raton	City of Raton will purchase five or more 2-cubic-yard self-dumping hoppers with lids for collecting recycled materials at the new Hereford Convenience Center and Recycling Facility. The containers will help in the collection of plastics, steel cans, and aluminum cans from the public and will allow the facility to extend drop off time to six days a week.	\$10,268.00
Bernalillo County	Bernalillo County will run an educational outreach campaign to prevent illegal dumping. The campaign will use messaging from various media outlets, TV, radio, billboards, social media, mailers, digital display ads on various media, and YouTube. The goal of the campaign is to encourage behavior change and educate the community about existing disposal and recycling options.	\$113,636.50

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