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### **Scrap Tire, Illegal Dumping, and Recycling Grant Applications Now Being Accepted** *Municipalities, Pueblos, Counties, and Other Entities Eligible*

**Santa Fe** - The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is now accepting applications for 2017-2018 Recycling and Illegal Dumping (RAID) Fund grants for scrap tire management, illegal dumping abatement, and recycling projects. Municipalities, counties, solid waste authorities, cooperative associations (as defined in the RAID Act), land grant communities, pueblos, tribes, and nations are eligible for funds totaling \$800,000. Two-thirds of the fund is available for scrap tire projects, and one-third is available for other projects. Ineligible entities are encouraged to partner with eligible entities, and no matching funds or in-kind contributions are required.

The application has been substantially shortened for this grant cycle to encourage the submittal of as many proposals as possible. Applicants are encouraged to apply for projects that will expend significant funding but should not be discouraged from applying for smaller projects as well.

Grant funding may be spent on offsetting the cost of scrap tire collection and recycling, establishing recycling facilities, purchasing equipment, performing marketing, purchasing products produced by a recycling facility, providing educational outreach, developing recycling infrastructure, abating illegal dumpsites, and contracting with vendors to promote recycling. A list of grants funded over the last ten years is available for review on the NMED Solid Waste Bureau website at <http://bit.ly/1Xh9yF1>.

Applications can be found on the NMED Solid Waste Bureau website at the above link. **Applications are due no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017.** They may be submitted by e-mail, fax, mail, or in person at the NMED Solid Waste Bureau office at 1190 S. St. Francis St., Santa Fe, NM 87505. Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis for the state fiscal year starting on July 1, 2017 and ending on June 30, 2018. 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 the NMED Recycling Program Coordinator, Neal Denton, at (505) 827-2653 or [neal.denton@state.nm.us](mailto:neal.denton@state.nm.us).

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