



# FY26 RWD and Tire Grants Informational Webinar

Recovered Materials and Abatement Program  
Solid Waste Trust Fund Grant Program

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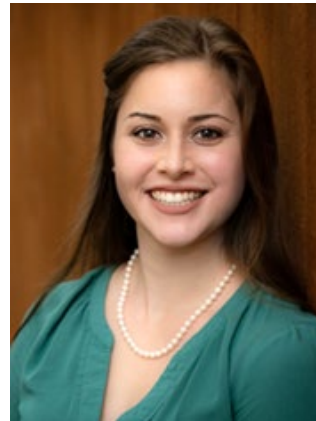
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# Housekeeping



We will pause throughout the presentation to allow time for questions.



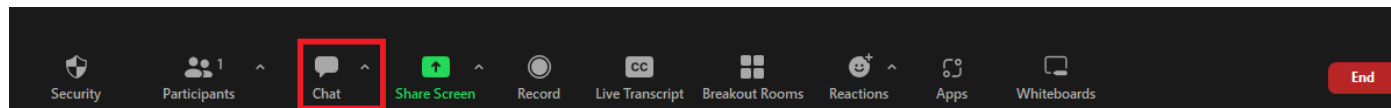
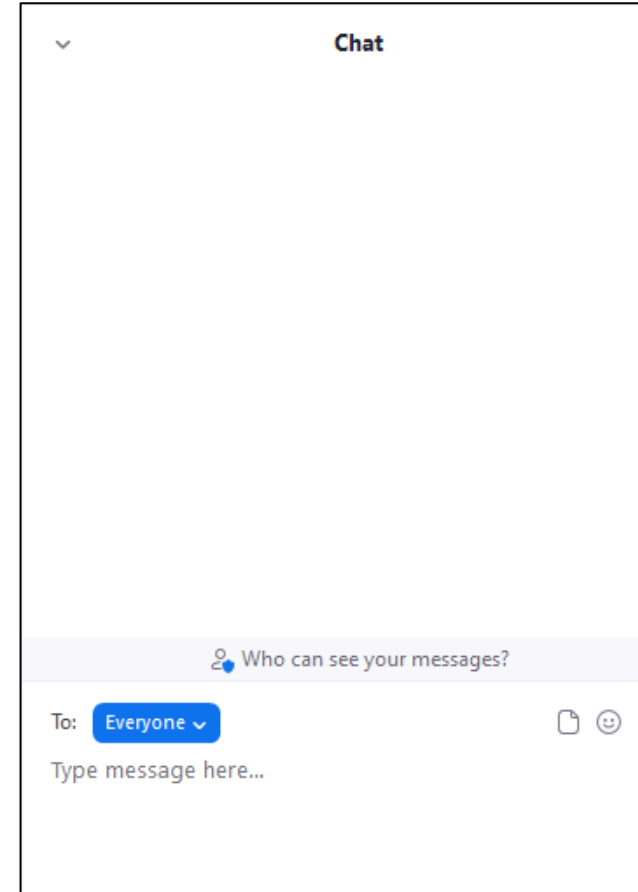
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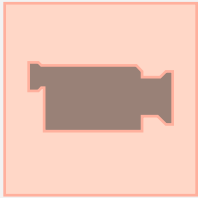




Resources and guidance documents are available online:

RWD: <https://epd.georgia.gov/about-us/land-protection-branch/recovered-materials-and-abatement/recovered-materials/recycling-and>

Tire: <https://epd.georgia.gov/about-us/land-protection-branch/recovered-materials-and-abatement/recovered-materials/tire-products>



SWTF Grant Program Administration Portal resources available online:

<https://epd.georgia.gov/about-us/land-protection-branch/recovered-materials-and-abatement/recovered-materials/swtf-grant>



Submit Questions to: [SWTF.Grant@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:SWTF.Grant@dnr.ga.gov)



# Agenda

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Reporting and Invoicing

Evaluation and Scoring

Question and Answer Session

# Background



The Solid Waste Trust Fund (SWTF) is funded by the Tire Management Fee through the sale of new tires in Georgia.



In November 2020, Georgia voters approved a constitutional amendment authorizing the Georgia Legislature to dedicate fee revenue directly to the purpose for which the fees were imposed.



This newly dedicated funding allowed EPD to create and administer grants from the SWTF.



The Recycling and Waste Diversion and Tire Products Grants were created as part of the SWTF Grant Program.

# SWTF Grants

## Recycling and Waste Diversion (RWD) Grant

- Reduce solid waste
- Recover valuable materials
- Support manufacturing
- Encourage innovation

## Tire Products (Tire) Grant

- Use Tire-Derived Products (TDP)
- Support innovation and market development for scrap tires

## Scrap Tire Abatement Reimbursement (STAR) Grant

- Clean up scrap tires through collection (amnesty) events, rights-of-way, and local government led abatement (tire dumps)

# Metrics

As of April 15, 2025...

Awarded RWD Grant projects have diverted over **1,800 tons** of materials from Georgia's landfills. This includes:

- 429 tons of plastic
- 256 tons of cardboard/paper
- 109 tons of glass
- 40 tons of household hazardous waste
- 41 tons of hard-to-recycle materials
- 759 tons of organics that were then composted

The Tire Grant has awarded:

- 12 pour-in-place playground or sports field projects
- 6 roadway/paving projects
- 3 pour-in-place walkway projects
- 1 research project

These projects have utilized **73 tons** of tire-derived products, which is equivalent to **6,500 passenger tires**.

Check out the SWTF Grant Program Summary online at:

<https://epd.georgia.gov/document/document/swtf-grant-program-summary-fy2025pdf/download>



# Tire Products Grant







# Tire-derived Products Track

- Projects that utilize TDP instead of conventional or virgin materials
- No match required for this track
- Grant funds will only pay for the difference in price for the direct cost of incorporating the TDP
- Direct cost may include material costs, or specialized services, such as the mixing of TDP

# Grant funds only pay for the difference in price between the direct cost of incorporating TDP and conventional materials

- In the application, you will demonstrate the cost of conventional materials. This could include:
  - Labor, including staff time (*estimate the hourly rate and number of hours*)
  - Materials
- You will also demonstrate the cost of the TDP and associated services. This could include:
  - Labor, including staff time
  - TDP materials
  - Non-TDP materials, including necessary bonding agents, stone underlay...but you will need to demonstrate while these are needed
  - Freight/shipping and handling
  - Installation services



# For Example...

You are applying for a playground renovation. The existing playground surfacing consists of wood mulch. The wood mulch needs to be removed before new mulch is installed. This costs \$5,420 (\$3,000 for the mulch, \$500 for delivery, and \$1,920 for staff labor). For staff labor, you estimate that it will take 2 individuals at \$30/hr., and that it will take 4 full, 8-hour days (2 staff X \$30/hr. X 32 hrs. = \$1,920).

It costs \$120,000 to have the playground resurfaced with pour-in-place TDP. This includes \$85,000 for the TDP materials, \$5,000 freight, and \$30,000 installation fees.

The difference in cost, and the amount eligible for award, is \$114,580.

$$\text{TDP} - \text{conventional} = \text{grant award amount}$$

$$\$120,000 - \$5,420 = \$114,580$$



# Ineligible Tire-derived Products Projects

- Studies have raised concerns with the environmental and public health impacts associated with loose tire-derived mulch and tire-derived beads
- As a result, EPD will NOT fund projects utilizing loose tire-derived mulch or tire-derived beads for artificial turf



# Tire-Derived Product Project Examples

Examples of Tire-derived Product projects may include:

- **Paving** - Using TDP to pave roadways
- **Poured playgrounds or trails**– Using TDP to create trails or playgrounds

EPD maintains a list of helpful industry contacts on the Tire Grant website



## Tire Grant Documents and Resources

- [PDF W9](#)
- [PDF Contractor Affidavit](#)
- [PDF Tire Products Application Signature Page](#)
- [PDF Invoicing and Reporting Presentation](#)
- [PDF Draft Tire Grant Agreement Template](#)
- [PDF Tire Grant Overview](#)
- [PDF Contact List for Rubberized Asphalt](#)
- [PDF Tire-derived Product Manufacturers and Suppliers](#)

# Research of New and/or Innovative Uses Track

- Projects that seek to identify innovative uses
- Conduct research, tests, or develop beneficial uses for products derived from scrap tires
- Awarded grant funds may be used for all costs related to research, such as material testing
- A minimum 20% match of the total project cost is required





# FY24 Awardees

Eleven applicants  
were awarded \$1.4  
million in FY24

- City of Cedartown
- City of Douglasville
- City of Fort Gaines
- City of Snellville
- Clayton County Parks and Recreation
- Floyd County Government
- Fulton County Schools
- Georgia Southern University Research and Service Foundation, Inc.
- Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners
- Morgan County Board of Commissioners
- Moultrie-Colquitt County Parks and Recreation Authority



*City of Cedartown – Playground Resurfacing*



*Floyd County – Roadway Repaving*



*Georgia Southern University –  
Research Project*



# FY25 Awardees

Eleven applicants  
were awarded \$1.7  
million in FY25

- Atlanta Independent School System
- Camden County
- City of Acworth
- City of Cedartown
- City of Demorest
- Floyd County
- Fulton County Schools
- Jekyll Island Authority
- Meriwether County
- Paulding County
- Spalding County



*City of Acworth – Fitness Area Resurfacing*



*Meriwether County – Mechanical Concrete*

# Low-Scoring Tire Project Examples



Projects that do not closely align with Tire Grant goals



Projects that use materials that have a low % of TDP (Products)



Projects that do not provide detailed responses



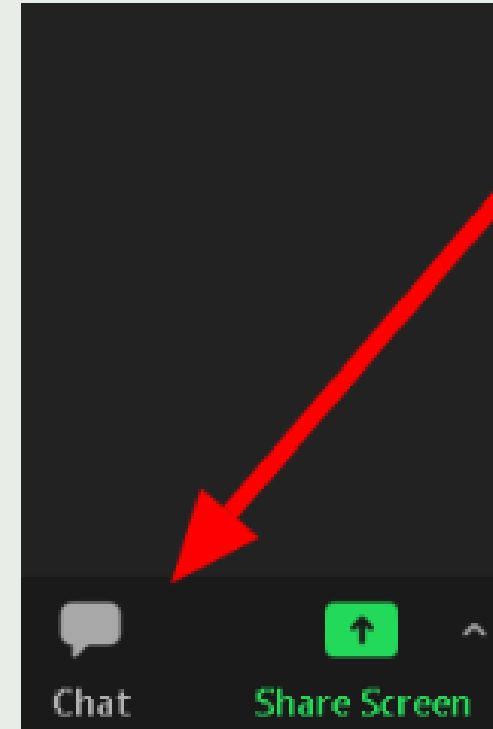
Projects that do not provide sufficient support and documentation



Projects that do not demonstrate an impact on recycling and material recovery for scrap tires (Research)

# Questions

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# Recycling and Waste Diversion Grant

The RWD Grant allows eligible applicants to develop project proposals that best support their communities' needs. Projects must focus on increasing recycling, reducing waste, and/or diverting recoverable materials from the solid waste stream.





# RWD Project Examples

## Recycling and Waste Diversion Infrastructure

Projects that create, expand, or improve infrastructure at:

- Materials recovery facilities (MRF)
- Recycling transfer stations
- Convenience centers

May range from construction to the purchase of equipment that will increase the capacity to serve customers





# RWD Project Examples

## Improving community access to recycling

- First-time recycling access for a community
- Curbside or community collection bins





# RWD Project Examples

## Collection Events

- Hard-to-recycle materials (paint, batteries, household chemicals, electronics, plastic film, etc.)
- E-recycling

## Recovery of Additional Materials

- Projects that collect and/or process new material streams

## Waste Reduction

- Projects that create, expand, or improve programs at the local level to reduce waste.



# RWD Project Examples

## Innovation

Projects that demonstrate innovative processes for waste reduction or innovative use of recycled products.





# RWD Project Metrics



The required metric of RWD Projects is weight or volume of material diverted or recycled.

Project narratives should:

- Describe how the project will directly result in a measurable amount of waste diverted from landfills or recycled
- Demonstrate how the weight or volume of material diverted or recycled will be quantified

# RWD Optional Metrics

Applicants may also consider including secondary metrics:

- Number of residents with improved or expanded access to recycling
- Number of residents with first-time access to recycling
- Volunteer hours
- Community participation rates in collection events or at recycling facilities
- Community behavior changes (decrease in contamination rate, increased use of collection bins, social media engagement, survey data, etc.)





# FY23 Awardees

Twenty-one applicants were  
awarded \$2.7 million in FY23:

- Athens-Clarke County
- Bleckley County
- Carroll County
- City of Byron
- City of Chatsworth
- City of Decatur
- City of Milton
- City of Norcross
- City of Powder Springs
- City of Roswell
- City of Woodstock
- Columbus Consolidated Government
- Dalton-Whitfield Solid Waste Authority
- Dodge County
- Douglas County
- Forsyth County
- Gwinnett County
- Laurens County
- Murray County
- Pickens County
- University of Georgia



City of Powder Springs – drop-off recycling facility



Dodge County – first-time cardboard recycling access



City of Norcross – HHW collection event



Athens-Clarke County – compost truck

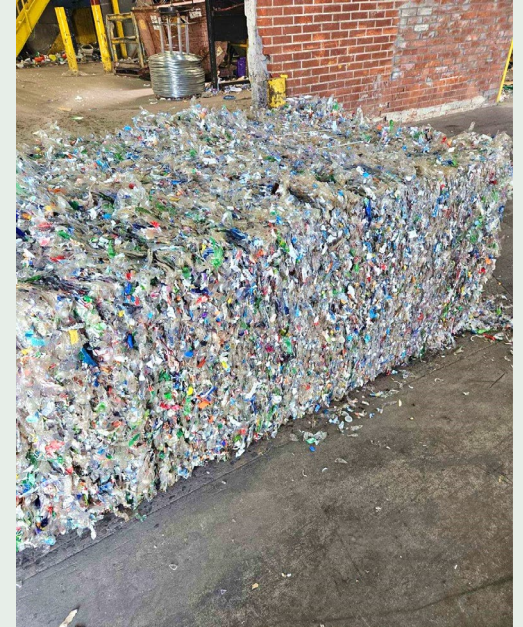


# FY24 Awardees

Eight applicants were awarded  
\$1.9 million in FY24:

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- Newton County Solid Waste Management Authority
- City of Griffin
- Chattooga County
- City of Thomasville
- Floyd County Commission
- Georgia Institute of Technology – Office of Sustainability
- City of Johns Creek
- City of Centerville



Floyd County – particle cut shredder for books and plastic

# FY25 Awardees

Seven applicants were awarded  
\$3.2 million in FY25:

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- Athens-Clarke County
- Carroll County
- City of Tybee Island
- Dalton-Whitfield Solid Waste Authority
- Gordon County
- Laurens County
- The Housing Authority of the City of Atlanta



Gordon County – preparing to launch paper recycling



Dalton-Whitfield Solid Waste Authority – refurbishing recycling bins



# Low-Scoring RWD Project Examples



Projects that do not closely align with RWD Grant goals



Projects that do not demonstrate cost-effectiveness



Projects in which the *primary* activity and use of grant funds is for activities not directly associated with recycling and diversion



Projects that focus on operational efficiency or improvements rather than recycling or diversion outcomes



Pilot projects without sufficient cost-effective justification and longevity metrics

# Ineligible RWD and Tire Project Examples

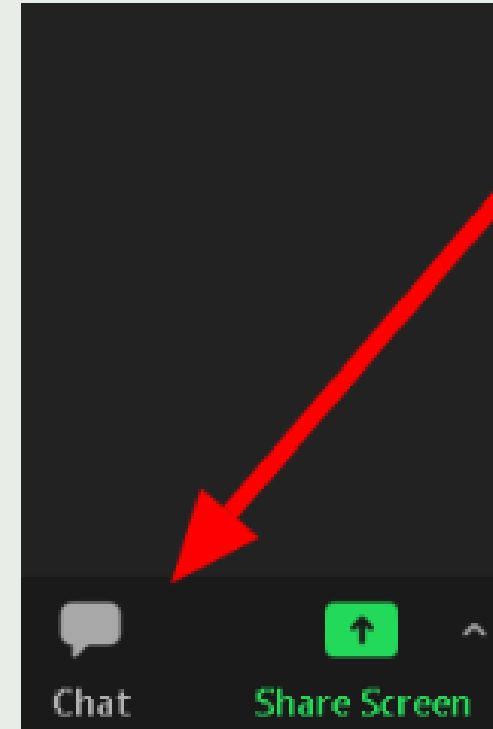
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- Projects in which the *primary activity* is education.
- Projects that seek reimbursement for completed activities prior to the execution of RWD or Tire Grant award agreement.
- Projects regarding improvements for landfill capacity or any landfill activities that do not include recycling or diversion.
- Projects that are in violation of the Georgia Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act and the Rules and Regulations of the State of Georgia.

*Example: Project that proposes to divert material from the landfill that is banned from landfill disposal.*

# Questions

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# Eligibility, Funding, and Timeline





# Eligibility

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- Counties and municipalities
- Public authorities, agencies, commissions, or institutions
- Department of Community Affairs compliant



# Ineligibility

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- Nonprofit or private organizations  
Applicants may partner or contract with nonprofits or private organizations.
- Applicants who are subject to an open EPD consent order or other EPD enforcement action.
- Applicants who have a noncompliance status with the DCA
- Applicants who have received grant funds in past years but have NOT demonstrated successful administration of those grant funds.



# Previous Applicants

- Projects not selected in one grant cycle may be resubmitted in subsequent grant cycles.
- Awardees from previous RWD and Tire Grant cycles are eligible to apply if they have completed the terms of their awarded agreement.
  - Awardees from previous RWD and Tire Grant Cycles may not extend or modify their current agreements
- Awardees from previous RWD Grant cycles may not resubmit for the same project as they were originally awarded

# Available Funding

- Grants will be awarded each fiscal year (July 1 – June 30).
- Applicants may apply up to the budget amount set aside for each grant, subject to any caps.
- Grant funds are paid out on a reimbursement basis. If you require advanced funds, provide a justification narrative.



# Timeline

Application Period Opens

August 11, 2025



Applications Due

September 30, 2025



Application Review

October – December 2025



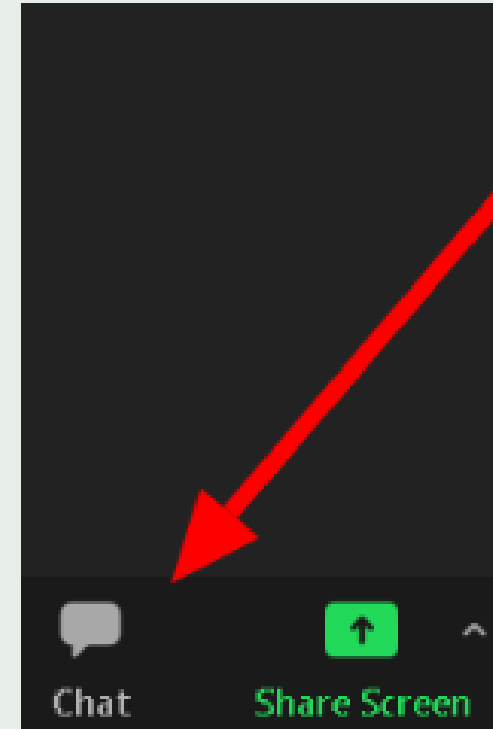
Grant Awards

January 2026 – February 2026



# Questions

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# Application



# Application Process

- Applicants must submit a complete application via the online grant portal to be considered for award
- Applicants may only submit one application per grant per grant cycle





# SWTF Grant Administration Portal



Applications must be submitted through the SWTF Grant Administration Portal. Applications submitted through email or other means will not be accepted.



To view guidance materials and resources, visit:

<https://epd.georgia.gov/swtf-grant-program-administration-portal>



Tire Grant Portal: [https://webportalapp.com/sp/georgia\\_epd\\_tp\\_grants](https://webportalapp.com/sp/georgia_epd_tp_grants)

RWD Grant Portal: [https://webportalapp.com/sp/epd\\_rwd](https://webportalapp.com/sp/epd_rwd)

# Application Considerations

It's never too early to start planning!

- ✓ The application schedule for grants will not change much from year to year.
- ✓ The application questions are available to review year-round in the guidelines for each grant.
- ✓ We are happy to meet with you anytime throughout the year to review project ideas and grant program rules.



# Application Considerations

- ✓ Does my project and organization meet the eligibility criteria?
- ✓ Is my organization compliant with all DCA reporting requirements?
- ✓ Does my project and organization have the support of the authorized official who will sign off on each step?
- ✓ Who in my organization is going to administer the project?
- ✓ Does my organization understand the amount of work it will take to complete the project before beginning?
- ✓ Is my organization able to see this project through to a successful and timely completion?
- ✓ Have I considered all costs, such as shipping and freight, or installation services, in my budget?
- ✓ Does my organization have any regulations on which vendors I can use?



# Application Considerations

- ✓ Does my project and organization meet the eligibility criteria?
  - ☐ Does my project align with the goals of the RWD or Tire Grant?
  - ☐ Does my organization have any open, unresolved violations with EPD?
  - ☐ Is the organization I represent a local government entity?



# Application Considerations

## Local Government Compliance Status: Planning

### Local Governments Currently Ineligible for Selected State Assistance Programs and Permits

Page 1: Comprehensive Planning, Service Delivery Strategy

Page 2: GoMl Survey, Local Government Finance, Hotel/Motel Tax, Authorities Registration, Authority Finances

The governments in these listings are not in compliance with DCA minimum standards under the Georgia Planning Act, legal requirements related to immigration, or the Service Delivery Strategy law and are therefore ineligible for selected state assistance programs (see program details below the table). This list is continuously updated and is accurate as of the current date. For further information about specific compliance requirements, please contact the person listed below.

Ineligible for Incentives Associated with QLG Status		Ineligible for ALL Funding & Permitting	
Comprehensive Planning(DCA)	E-Verify (DOAA)	Service Delivery Strategy (DCA)	"Sanctuary" Policies
Contact DCA's Office of Planning and Environmental Management at <a href="mailto:planning@dca.ga.gov">planning@dca.ga.gov</a> or 404-679-5279.	Contact the Department of Audits and Accounts at <a href="mailto:immhelp@audits.ga.gov">immhelp@audits.ga.gov</a> or 404-651-8938	Contact DCA's Office of Planning and Environmental Management at <a href="mailto:planning@dca.ga.gov">planning@dca.ga.gov</a> or 404-679-5279	Contact the Department of Audits and Accounts at <a href="mailto:immhelp@audits.ga.gov">immhelp@audits.ga.gov</a> or 404-651-8938.
Governments that adopt DCA-approved comprehensive plans consistent with DCA's Local Planning Requirements (and Capital Improvement Element Updates consistent with the Development Impact Fee Compliance Requirements, where appropriate) are awarded "Qualified Local Government" (QLG) status. This provides eligibility for a package of financial incentives from DCA, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA), and the OneGeorgia Authority.  The communities listed below will be awarded "QLG" status once the necessary materials have been approved by DCA and adopted, locally. Communities not listed below already have QLG status.	Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 13-10-91(b)(7), governments that fail to provide the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts (DOAA) with sufficient documentation of their participation in the federal government's federal work authorization program (E-Verify) 13-10-91(b)(7) forfeit their Qualified Local Government (QLG) status. QLG status provides eligibility for a package of financial incentives from DCA, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA), and the OneGeorgia Authority.  The communities listed below will have their QLG status reinstated once the State Auditor provides notice that they have returned to compliance.	Georgia's Service Delivery Act (OCGA 36-70-20) promotes efficient, effective delivery of local government services and helps prevent taxpayers from paying to receive the same services from multiple local governments. Communities listed below do not currently have a DCA-verified Service Delivery Strategy on file. State agencies are barred from providing permits as well as state funding and state-administered federal funding (including and beyond that associated with Qualified Local Government (QLG) status) to governments that are not compliant with this act.  Once the necessary materials have been verified by DCA, the communities listed below will regain eligibility for all loans, grants, and permitting programs administered by state agencies.	Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 36-80-23, political subdivisions (as defined in that statute) reported to have enacted "sanctuary" policies related to immigration are ineligible for ALL state-administered funding (with few exceptions as dictated by statute).  Each entity listed below has either not confirmed the section of the 2023 Annual Immigration Compliance Report relating to O.C.G.A. 36-80-23 or it reported that it has enacted "sanctuary" policies.  Once the necessary reports have been properly completed with DOAA and/or any "sanctuary" policies have been rescinded, the entities will be removed from this list.

The noncompliant communities will be listed in these columns

- ✓ Is my organization compliant with all DCA reporting requirements?

EPD cannot issue grant awards to local governments that are not compliant with DCA.

Review this site before applying:

<https://apps.dca.ga.gov/LocalGovStus/planning.asp>

Authorities should also check this site to verify compliance with reporting:

<https://dca.georgia.gov/community-assistance/government-authority-reporting/local-government-authorities>

### About Local Government Authorities

All local authorities should complete the Annual Authority Registration and Financial Reporting (AARF) within six months of the conclusion of the authority's fiscal year.

A listing of all local authorities that have previously filed a registration with the Department of Community Affairs can be found at the link below. This listing can also be used to verify an authority's compliance status and determine which year's reports are outstanding.

[FY2023 AARF Report](#)

[View the list of Local Authorities with Compliance Status](#)

# Application Considerations

✓ Does my project and organization have the support of the authorized official who will sign off on each step?

- ☐ Have I presented my proposed project to my leadership?
- ☐ Is my leadership supportive of the proposed project?
- ☐ If awarded, do I know who will sign off on the project?





# Application Considerations

- ✓ Who in my organization is going to administer the project?
  - ☐ Who is going to run the project after it is awarded?
  - ☐ Is that person aware of the grant application?
  - ☐ Have I considered potential staffing changes/turnover that may impact the delivery of this project?



# Application Considerations

- ✓ Does my organization understand the amount of work it will take to complete the project before beginning?
  - ☐ Have I coordinated with members of my finance or accounting departments regarding the documentation for reimbursement requests?
  - ☐ Have I communicated the project to all those that will be involved?
  - ☐ Do I have a plan for who will take on all the responsibilities, from reporting to project implementation?

# Application Considerations

- ✓ Is my organization able to see this project through to a successful and timely completion?
  - ☐ Do I have a dedicated team for this project?
  - ☐ Is my timeline realistic?
  - ☐ Do I have the means to get the project done, achieve the metrics, and completed within a 24-month time period?





# Application Considerations

- ✓ Have I considered all costs, such as shipping and freight, or installation services, in my budget?
  - ❑ Double check your budget!



# Application Considerations

## ✓ Which vendors is my organization eligible to work with?

Your organization will most likely have protocol for procurement. For example, services over a certain dollar amount may require bids.

There may be some services that your organization already has a pool of qualified vendors that you must use.

The SWTF Grant Program does not specify procurement protocol. Rather, it is left to each applicant to follow their organization's established procurement methods.



# For example...

Your organization has contacted a company to supply a quote for tire-derived rubberized asphalt to submit as supporting material for the Tire Grant application. Your project is then awarded. You must then follow your organization's procurement policies to hire a vendor to perform this service.

If there is a vendor you would like to use, it is your responsibility to ensure that the vendor is eligible to do business with your organization.





# Application

The application consists of the following sections for both RWD and Tire Grants:

1. Project Information
2. Project Narrative
3. Project Timeline
4. Project Budget
5. Supporting Materials
6. Signature



# What to expect in the SWTF Grant Portal

Application

Complete each section below

- If action is required, click "**Open**" to complete the section.
- You may save as a draft anytime throughout the process to return to later.
- **Make sure to hit the "Submit Application" button to send in your completed application.**
- Once you've submitted, you will be unable to make changes unless it is unlocked by SWTF Grant Program staff.
- For questions, please reach out to [swtf.grant@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:swtf.grant@dnr.ga.gov).

There are 74 days remaining to submit this.

Submit Application

Project Information	Action Required	Open
Project Narrative	Action Required	Open
Project Timeline	Action Required	Open
Project Budget	Action Required	Open
Supporting Materials	Action Required	Open
Signature	Action Required	Open

# Project Narrative

## **RWD**

1. Description
2. Objectives
3. Metrics and Evaluation
4. Budget
5. Cost Effectiveness

## **Tire Products Track**

1. Description
2. Need and Purpose
3. Community Served
4. Utilization and Metrics
5. Marketing and Education

## **Tire Research Track**

1. Description
2. Methodology
3. Evaluation
4. Marketing and Publicity
5. Scaling Potential
6. Innovation

For detailed information and tips, review the guidance documents for each grant, available on EPD's website.



# Project Timeline

- Include Project Start and Project Completion
- Describe key project activities
- There is no time limit for the overall project; however, grant funds must be expended and a final report must be submitted within 24 months of the award.



# Project Budget

## **RWD**

There is no project cap  
No match required

## **Tire Products Track**

\$250,000 maximum  
grant award cap  
No match required

## **Tire Research Track**

\$250,000 maximum  
grant award cap  
**20% match is required**

- Describe each line item grant funds are requested for
- Documentation for each line must be provided
- Indicate if funds are attributable to a Georgia based business

# Match

- A minimum 20% match of the total project cost is required for the Tire Grant - Research Track only.
- Applicants of the RWD Grant and Tire Grant – Products Track may include a match to supplement project costs.
- A match is a cash or in-kind resource commitment beyond the grant dollar amount requested.
- Match items should be documented through letters of commitment, copies of checks, payroll records, etc.



<u>CASH</u>	<u>IN-KIND</u>
Engineering	Donations
Construction Materials	Volunteers
Equipment Rental	Staff Time
	Materials
	Land





# Supporting Materials

- Quotes and Cost Estimates
- Documentation for GA based vendors
- Contractor Affidavit
- W-9

Contractor Affidavit and W-9 can be downloaded at:

Tire: <https://epd.georgia.gov/about-us/land-protection-branch/recovered-materials-and-abatement/recovered-materials/tire-products>

RWD: <https://epd.georgia.gov/about-us/land-protection-branch/recovered-materials-and-abatement/recovered-materials/recycling-and>

# Supporting Materials

## W9

The address on this sheet should be a physical address, and not a PO box.

Contact SWTF Grant Team if a PO box address is used for payment remittances to submit a supplier change request form to supplement the W9.

Form <b>W-9</b> (Rev. October 2018) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service		Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification		Give Form to the requester. Do not send to the IRS.
➤ Go to <a href="http://www.irs.gov/FormW9">www.irs.gov/FormW9</a> for instructions and the latest information.				
1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.				
2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above				
Print or type. See Specific Instructions on page 3.	3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only <b>one</b> of the following seven boxes.			4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):
	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC			Exempt payee code (if any) _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> C Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate			Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ➤ _____			(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ➤ _____				
5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions.				Requester's name and address (optional)
6 City, state, and ZIP code				
7 List account number(s) here (optional)				
<b>Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)</b>				
Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see <i>How to get a TIN</i> , later.				
<b>Note:</b> If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see <i>What Name and Number To Give the Requester</i> for guidelines on whose number to enter.				
<b>Part II Certification</b>				
Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:				
1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and				
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and				
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and				
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.				
<b>Certification instructions.</b> You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.				
<b>Sign Here</b>		Signature of U.S. person ➤		Date ➤
<b>General Instructions</b>				
Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.				
<b>Future developments.</b> For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to <a href="http://www.irs.gov/FormW9">www.irs.gov/FormW9</a> .				
<b>Purpose of Form</b>				
An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.				
• Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)				
• Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)				
• Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)				
• Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)				
• Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)				
• Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)				
• Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)				
• Form 1099-C (canceled debt)				
• Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)				
Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.				
If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding, later.				

# Supporting Materials

## Contractor Affidavit

1. The “Federal Work Authorization User Identification Number” is your entity’s E-Verify number. This is not the same as your federal tax identification number (FEIN).
2. The “Name of Public Employer” is the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. This has already been filled out. Your entity’s name goes on the “Name of Contractor” line.
3. The “Date of Authorization” is your entity’s registration date with E-Verify.
4. Form must be dated within the last 12 months (notary section).

**Contractor Affidavit under O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91(b)(1)**

The undersigned contractor ("Contractor") executes this Affidavit to comply with O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91 related to any contract to which Contractor is a party that is subject to O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91 and hereby verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91, attesting as follows:

- a) The Contractor has registered with, is authorized to use and uses the federal work authorization program commonly known as E-Verify, or any subsequent replacement program;
- b) The Contractor will continue to use the federal work authorization program throughout the contract period, including any renewal or extension thereof;
- c) The Contractor will notify the public employer in the event the Contractor ceases to utilize the federal work authorization program during the contract period, including renewals or extensions thereof;
- d) The Contractor understands that ceasing to utilize the federal work authorization program constitutes a material breach of Contract;
- e) The Contractor will contract for the performance of services in satisfaction of such contract only with subcontractors who present an affidavit to the Contractor with the information required by O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91(a), (b), and (c);
- f) The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that this Affidavit shall be incorporated into any contract(s) subject to the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91 for the project listed below to which Contractor is a party after the date hereof without further action or consent by Contractor; and
- g) Contractor acknowledges its responsibility to submit copies of any affidavits, drivers' licenses, and identification cards required pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91 to the public employer within five business days of receipt.

<u>Federal Work Authorization User Identification Number</u>	<u>Date of Authorization</u>
<u>Name of Contractor</u>	<u>Name of Project</u>
<u>Georgia Department of Natural Resources</u>	
<u>Name of Public Employer</u>	

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ (city), \_\_\_\_\_ (state).

Signature of Authorized Officer or Agent

Printed Name and Title of Authorized Officer or Agent


SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME  
ON THIS THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

NOTARY PUBLIC  
My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_



# Application Submission

- Once applicants have completed all application sections, the “Submit Application” button will turn green.
- Applicants can still edit sections until the “Submit Application” button has been hit.
- Please note your application has not been fully submitted until the applicant has hit the “Submit Application” button.

 Application

Complete each section below

- If action is required, click "Open" to complete the section.
- You may save as a draft anytime throughout the process to return to later.
- **Make sure to hit the "Submit Application" button to send in your completed application.**
- Once you've submitted, you will be unable to make changes unless it is unlocked by SWTF Grant Program staff.
- For questions, please reach out to [swtf.grant@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:swtf.grant@dnr.ga.gov).

There are 74 days remaining to submit this.

Submit Application

Project Information	Complete	Edit
Project Narrative	Complete	Edit
Project Timeline	Complete	Edit
Project Budget	Complete	Edit
Supporting Materials	Complete	Edit
Signature	Complete	Edit

# Congratulations!

Organization Name | Last Name | Test

## Application

Success! Your application is under review.

Be on the lookout for an email from your Program Administrator regarding next steps. You can always login to your portal to check the status and any required actions.

This has been submitted

Project Information

View

Project Narrative

View

Project Timeline

Open

Project Budget

View

Supporting Materials

View

Signature

View

Dear [redacted],

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of your application to the Recycling and Waste Diversion Grant on behalf of [redacted]. We will review your application. In the meantime, please be sure to [go back to the grant portal](#) for updates. We will be in touch soon.

If you have any questions, please contact us at [SWTF.grant@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:SWTF.grant@dnr.ga.gov).

Sincerely,

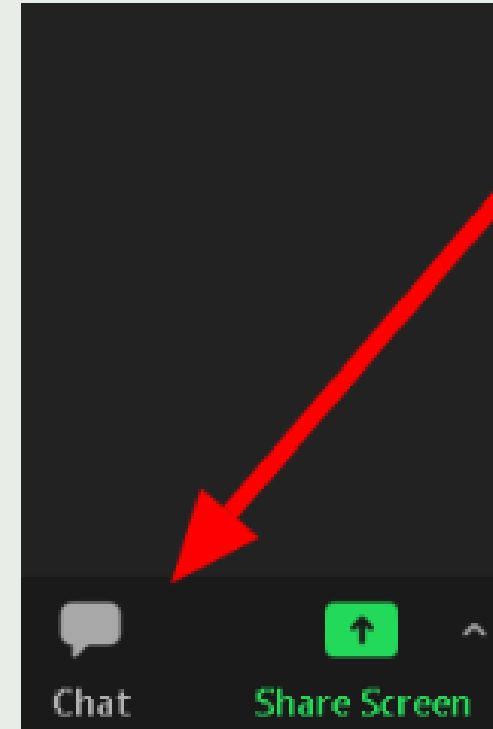
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# Questions

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# Reporting and Invoicing

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## Reporting

Recipients are required to submit Quarterly Reports to EPD throughout the duration of the project to document progress.

A Final Report must be submitted at the end of the project that includes a summary of the project and metrics quantifying the project's success.



## Invoicing

Recipients must submit a Reimbursement Request Form to EPD along with invoices and proof of payment for grant spending.

Reimbursement Request Forms may be submitted once every 30 days.

# Evaluation and Scoring







# Scoring

- Applications will be reviewed by EPD to determine if the applicant and proposed project are eligible
- Eligible projects will be scored according the evaluation criteria
- EPD will fund projects starting with the highest-ranking score first and will continue awarding funds until all funds have been exhausted
- If a grant application is approved for award, EPD will notify the applicant and provide an agreement for signature
- Both project types total the same amount of points  
75 base with 10 bonus points, for 85 total points maximum

# Scoring: RWD Criteria

Category Weight	Evaluation Criteria	Score 0 = Incomplete 1 = Poor 2 = Good 3 = Excellent	Weighted Score
4	Does the application demonstrate the need and purpose of the project in the affected community?	0	0
3	Does the application clearly describe the objectives and the “Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, and time-bound (SMART) goals for the project?	0	0
4	Does the application identify quantifiable metrics that will be used to evaluate the project's impact on recycling or diverting recoverable materials from the solid waste stream?	0	0
2	Does the application describe how metrics were identified and how they are applicable to the project?	0	0
2	Does the application describe how metrics will demonstrate that the project is likely to result in increased recycling or diversion of waste from landfill?	0	0
1	Does the application describe the amount requested and how funds will be spent?	0	0
2	Does the application describe how the project and its benefits are likely to be perpetuated after grant funds have been expended without additional funding from the State?	0	0
3	Is there a robust timeline with clearly identifiable steps for project implementation that are likely to result in the achievement of the objectives for the proposed project?	0	0
2	Does the application have a clear and coherent budget?	0	0
Non-weighted Criteria	Does the project demonstrate a cost-effective use of RWD Grant dollars spent?	1-10 points	0
Bonus Points	Does the application demonstrate that the project will be a joint project from at least two eligible applicants?	5 points	0
	Does the application demonstrate that the project will use Georgia-based suppliers for products and/or services, and was documentation submitted?	5 points	0
Total Score			0

# Scoring: Tire-derived Products Criteria

Category Weight	Evaluation Criteria for Tire-Derived Products	Score 0 = incomplete 1 = Poor 2 = Good 3 = Excellent	Weighted Score
3.00	Does the application provide a clear description of the overall project, including location?	0	0
3.00	Does the application demonstrate the need and purpose for the project?	0	0
2.00	Does the application demonstrate how the project benefits the community?	0	0
2.00	Does the application describe the TDP(s) that will be utilized in the project, and was manufacturer documentation provided?	0	0
1.00	Does the application describe the total project cost utilizing conventional or virgin materials vs. the total project cost utilizing TDP(s)?	0	0
1.00	Does the application include a description of the number of lbs. of TDP(s) used in the project?	0	0
1.00	Does the application describe how the TDP(s) will be incorporated into the project?	0	0
1.00	Does the application describe where the TDP(s) and/or related service(s) are sourced?	0	0
3.00	Does the application describe how information about the project will be shared with the community?	0	0
1.00	Does the application provide a timeline?	0	0
3.00	Does the application provide a clear and coherent budget?	0	0
4.00	Does the application demonstrate the percentage by cost of the project that utilizes TDP and associated services in relation to the total project cost? 1 point  If yes, what is the percentage by cost of the project that utilizes TDP and associated services in relation to the total project cost? <50% = 1 point; 51%-100% = 2 points	0	0
Total			0

# Scoring: Research and Innovation Criteria

Category Weight	Evaluation Criteria for Research of New and/or Innovative Uses for Scrap Tires	Score 0 = incomplete 1 = Poor 2 = Good 3 = Excellent	Weighted Score
3.00	Does the application provide a clear description of the overall research project, including the need and purpose?	0	0
2.00	Does the application describe the objective(s) of the research project?	0	0
3.00	Does the application describe the methodology?	0	0
4.00	Does the application describe how the project's impact on recycling and material recovery for scrap tires will be evaluated?	0	0
3.00	Does the application demonstrate how the results of the research project will be shared with the scrap tire industry and other decision makers?	0	0
2.00	Does the application demonstrate how the research project will benefit markets for scrap tires and the usage of TDP?	0	0
4.00	Does the application demonstrate how the research project is innovative?	0	0
1.00	Does the application provide a robust timeline with clearly identifiable steps for project implementation?	0	0
3.00	Does the application provide a clear and coherent budget?	0	0
Total			0

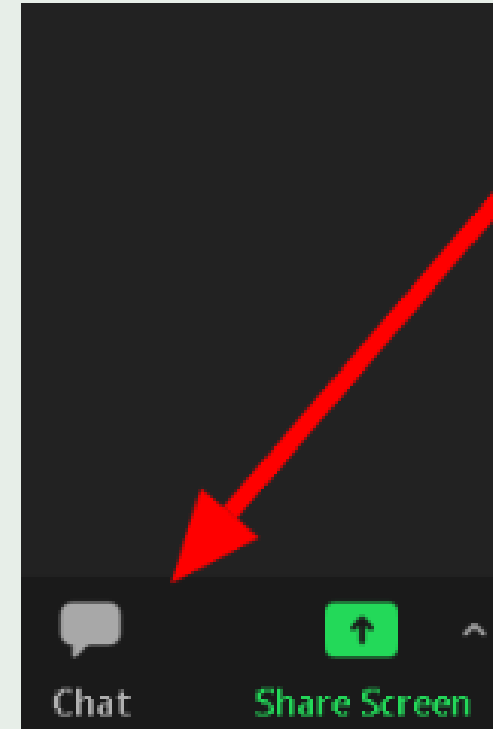


# Scoring: Bonus Points

Total Points	Additional Points	Score
5	Will the proposed project use Georgia-based suppliers for products and services?	
5	Does the application propose a regional or multi-jurisdictional project serving two or more eligible applicants?	

# Questions

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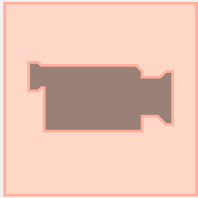




Resources and guidance documents are available online:

RWD: <https://epd.georgia.gov/about-us/land-protection-branch/recovered-materials-and-abatement/recovered-materials/recycling-and>

Tire: <https://epd.georgia.gov/about-us/land-protection-branch/recovered-materials-and-abatement/recovered-materials/tire-products>



SWTF Grant Program Administration Portal resources available online:

<https://epd.georgia.gov/about-us/land-protection-branch/recovered-materials-and-abatement/recovered-materials/swtf-grant>



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