

RWD Grant Q&A	
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Will this webinar be available on your site?	Yes, the webinar slides are posted to the RWD Grant website: https://epd.georgia.gov/about-us/land-protection-branch/recovered-materials-and-abatement/recovered-materials/recycling-0
If we received a grant award this year, can we apply again during this next cycle for the same thing?	Awardees from previous RWD Grant cycles are eligible to apply if they have completed the terms of their previously awarded agreement. Awardees from previous RWD Grant cycles may not resubmit for the same project as the original award, extend, or modify their current agreements.
Is there a portal to view previous awarded grant applications?	Yes, they can be found on the RWD Grant website: https://epd.georgia.gov/recycling-and-waste-diversion-grant-cycle-fy23
Does having a STAR grant disqualify one from applying to the RWD grant?	No, EPD encourages applicants to apply for all of the SWTF grants.
How long does it take to apply and receive a permit-by-rule (PBR) for composting?	Review time may vary depending on the completeness of the submittal, but it typically takes 2-4 weeks for a PBR. Applicants should contact the SWTF Grant Team before applying for either a PBR or solid waste handling permit to discuss applicability to the project.
Are extended warranties on equipment eligible?	Extended warranties may be eligible for funding; applicants are encouraged to provide this as a match.
How long will reporting be required?	Reporting is required throughout the duration of the agreement.
During project development who can we contact if we need any clarifications or additional information?	Applicants can send questions to SWTF@dnr.ga.gov .
The city owns a property that we would like to expand to. The property has a building that would need to be demolished in order to expand. Would this be covered? Could it be provided as a match?	Yes, grant funds may be used for expansion or demolition; however, applicants must demonstrate that these activities are for an eligible project.
Is MARTA an eligible applicant?	Eligible applicants are counties, municipalities, or any combination of the same, public authorities, agencies, commissions, or institutions. MARTA is a public authority and is eligible to apply for the RWD Grant.
Are different applicant types ranked higher?	No; there is only application type for RWD grants. Eligible projects will be scored according to the requirements and criteria described in the RWD Program Guidance. EPD will fund projects starting with the highest-ranking score first and will continue awarding funds to those qualifying applications until EPD has exhausted available funds for that grant cycle.
Can we include additional information on the application?	Applicants should limit information to only what is required on the application.
How does an applicant show cooperation with other applicants?	Applicants may describe the collaboration with other applicants in the narrative section in the application. Applicants should specify the project lead and the roles of the other applicants.
Can we have clarification on the metrics being asked for?	Applicants are required to describe the quantifiable metrics that will be used to evaluate the project's impact on recycling or diverting recoverable materials from the solid waste stream. Review the RWD Program Guidance for details on metrics.

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Can we work with cities who have a current project?	No; awardees from previous RWD Grant cycles are ineligible to apply if they have not completed the terms of their previously awarded agreement.
Are paper shredding events eligible?	Paper shredding events may be eligible for funding; however, applicants seeking to facilitate a recycling collection event are encouraged to accept more than one material stream.
In the application, are there any page or word limits for different sections?	There are no page or word limits; however, applicants should limit their responses to only include information asked for in the application.
Is there any specific web-link or page where we can see the official call for proposal?	Details about the RWD FY 24 Grant, include the application and guidance document, can be found on the following site: https://epd.georgia.gov/about-us/land-protection-branch/recovered-materials-and-abatement/recovered-materials/recycling-0
Can we see the project summaries or descriptions from previous cycles?	Information regarding previous projects is available on our website: https://epd.georgia.gov/recycling-and-waste-diversion-grant-cycle-fy23
Can EPD share sample project proposals?	Please review the FY 2024 RWD Grant Application for the format and structure. The application is intended to be completed and submitted by applicants.
Is the \$2 million divided between all approved grants or per applicant?	\$2 million has been allocated for the FY24 Recycling and Waste Diversion (RWD) Grant. This is the total to be distributed for award.
If there is a joint application between two parties would each submit an application or just one?	Applicants seeking to pursue a joint application should only complete and submit one application. Applicants may describe the collaboration with other applicants in the narrative section in the application. Applicants should specify the project lead and the roles of the other applicants.
For equipment purchases, is it OK if the procurement process has already begun before the grant awards, or would that be disqualifying?	No work can begin on a project, including procurement, until there is an executed agreement in place between EPD and the awardee.
Is a college, which is part of the University System of Georgia, eligible to apply for this grant?	Yes, public institutions such as those listed with the University System of Georgia are eligible to apply for the RWD Grant.
Does the RWD Grant require a match? If so, what is the amount?	The RWD Grant does not require a match.
Our project includes upgrades to our recycling center, which primarily includes paving. We are also looking to purchase storage containers and equipment to increase collection capacity as part of the project. Are these activities eligible for RWD Grant funding? Further, if we submit for a high dollar amount, what is the likelihood we will be awarded that amount?	Storage containers and equipment to increase collection capacity are eligible for RWD grant funding. Paving as part of a recycling center project is eligible. However, if the majority of the funding is proposed to be spent on activities not directly associated with recycling and diversion, such as paving, that may result in a lower overall score for award. EPD reserves the right to award partial funds. If you were submit for a large dollar amount, there is no guarantee that you would be awarded that full amount.