

Tire Products Grant Q&A		
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Will we get a copy of the webinar?	Yes, the webinar slides are posted to the Tire Grant website: https://epd.georgia.gov/tire-products-tire-grant	Carlette Davidson, Lamar County Board of Commissioners, Barnesville, Ga
What is the difference between mulch and a trail surface?	Mulch is a loose material. This grant will fund pour in place, tile and other stationary materials.	Carol Silver
Can we ask questions during the application process ?	Yes; please email any questions to SWTF.Grant@dnr.ga.gov .	Carlette Davidson, Lamar County Board of Commissioners, Barnesville, Ga
Could you please share the DCA information?	Local government applicants must have qualified local government status as of the date of their application, as determined by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. You can view this list at the following website: https://apps.dca.ga.gov/LocalGovStatus/planning.asp	Michael Skeen, DPW, Floyd County
For poured playgrounds, does the grant only pay the difference from virgin to TDP?	Yes, we are seeking to promote the use of tire-derived products by reducing the cost in choosing this material over another.	Mark Williams, Morgan County
Can you clarify if the match is required or not?	There is only a match required for the Research of New and/or Innovative uses of Scrap Tires. There is not a match requirement for the Tire-derived Products track.	Steve Cariola, Henry County DOT
Why would TDP be ok for playgrounds but not turf?	It is due to the type of TPD. Recent studies have raised concern with the environmental and public health impacts of certain TDP. As a result, EPD will not fund projects utilizing tire-derived mulch or tire-derived beads for artificial turf. Playgrounds may utilize poured-in place TDP.	Kimberly White, Cobb County
Is a public utility like GA Power considered eligible for a nonprofit to partner with?	Georgia Power is a private company, but they could partner with an eligible local government, public authority, agency, commission, or institution on a project.	Albany Area YMCA
Are projects that are underway eligible for the grant?	Yes, projects at any stage will be considered.	Chan Weeks, City of Douglasville
Do we have to have a partner ?	If you are an eligible applicant (local government or public authority, agency, commission, or institution), you do not have to have a partner. Nonprofit or private organizations may partner with eligible applicants, but they cannot be the direct recipient of the grant award.	Carlette Davidson, Lamar County Board of Commissioners, Barnesville, Ga
Can the Tire Products grant funds be used for recycle tire events?	No; this grant is for projects that utilize TDP or for research of new and/or innovative uses for scrap tires. EPD does have other programs that cover these events, such as the Scrap Tire Abatement Reimbursement (STAR) Program. More information about the STAR program can be found here: https://epd.georgia.gov/about-us/land-protection-branch/recovered-materials-and-abatement/recovered-materials/star-program	Danny Blitch, City of Roswell
Would the grant cover the cost difference between wood chips and a poured playground surface using TDP?	Yes, that would be eligible for the Tire-derived Products track.	Rich Deckman, Marietta Parks & Rec
Can multiple offices / departments from the same county apply?	Different departments within an eligible entity may count as their own applicant. Only one application per applicant is allowed. If there are multiple applicants from the same eligible entity, EPD would most likely award to only one applicant in order to spread the grant's impact to as many communities as possible.	Stephanie Berens
Does the grant cover admin fees?	It depends on what track you are applying for. For the Tire-derived Products track, the grant will only cover the cost of the TDP and associated services, such as hauling or mixing. For the Research of New and/or Innovative Uses for Scrap Tires track, funds may be used for all costs related to research, such as salaries and material testing.	Camille Bielby, River Valley RC
Is there a list of contacts about poured playground surfaces?	EPD has created a webpage listing companies that supply materials and services related to tire-derived products. Any company may be listed; and listing does not constitute an endorsement by EPD. Applicants may source their materials from any company. EPD may post additional contacts as they become available. The list can be found here: https://epd.georgia.gov/tire-products-tire-grant	Kim Whatley, Decatur
Are associated services the labor that is contracted?	Yes, it can be. It may also include transportation, mixing, installation, etc.	Jen Young, City of Milton

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If the funds are used for playground resurfacing, does it only cover the material or the cost to prepare the site to receive the surface?	Applicants would need to demonstrate that the site preparation activities are specific to the installation of a TDP to be eligible for funding. For example, if there is a specific activity that must occur in order for the vendor to use the TDP that is outside of normal preparation activities, that may be eligible.	Kim Whatley, Decatur
Can we receive the Tire grant and a STAR grant?	Yes, you can apply for and be awarded both grants in the same fiscal year.	Mark Williams, Morgan County
Can a Local Government apply in each track if one project is research and other project is application of TDP?	No, applicants may only apply to one of the tracks per grant cycle. The goal is to give as many communities as possible the opportunity to benefit from grant funding.	Randy Robertson, Georgia State Senate
Can projects be used to pave an animal shelter parking lot?	Yes, as long as TDP is utilized by an eligible applicant, for example a county shelter.	Carlette Davidson, Lamar County Board of Commissioners, Barnesville, Ga
Is the \$1,000,000 split between the two tracks or \$1,000,000 for each?	There is \$1,00,000 total. EPD will determine how it is divided between the two tracks based upon the types of applications received.	Lisa Platt, City of Snellville
Is there a list of approved materials?	We do not have a list of approved products, although tire-derived mulch and tire-derived beads for artificial turf are not eligible funding.	R. Allison
Would a project that is accessible freely across the region be considered multiple eligible entities? We know populations of neighboring cities that will benefit from our project.	To receive the bonus points as a multi-jurisdictional project the project must be a joint application from multiple eligible entities, for example, neighboring counties, a city and a county, etc. Use of the area from those in surrounding areas would not count towards the bonus points.	Oscar Guzman, City of Cedartown
Can tire products be used near water? Is there any concern about oil?	Recent studies have raised concerns with the environmental and public health impacts of some TDP. As a result, EPD will not be funding projects utilizing tire-derived mulch or tire-derived beads for artificial turf.	Lynne Miller, City of Hogansville
Can TDP be mixed with concrete or asphalt only?	Questions regarding TDP uses and mixing should be posed to the manufacturer or industry representatives.	Stephanie Berens
Is GDOT eligible to apply for grants?	Yes, GDOT and other state agencies are eligible to apply.	Maureen Kline
Does a tire grinder fall under this grant?	This grant is solely for the use of products derived from tires or for research; tire grinders are not an eligible purchase. Please note, the use of a tire grinder requires a scrap tire processing permit from EPD.	Kenny Woodard, Director Solid Waste/Recycling, Pickens County
If we, the County, have multiple smaller playgrounds currently with mulch and we wish to replace with poured TDP will only one park qualify?	Multiple playgrounds within one project may be eligible, so long as the cost of the TDP and associated services does not exceed the \$250,000 cap.	Josh Smith, Catoosa County
Does the grant cover removing existing tires?	No, this grant does not cover those types of projects. EDP does have other programs for scrap tire abatement, such as the Scrap Tire Abatement Reimbursement (STAR) Program. More information about the STAR program can be found here: https://epd.georgia.gov/about-us/land-protection-branch/recovered-materials-and-abatement/recovered-materials/star-program	Roger, Brantley County Public Works Director
Can a public entity grind tires and use them for projects or does the TDP have to come from a qualified tire recycler?	It is not something a local government can do unless they are permitted as a tire processor. Tire processing is a regulated industry.	Roger, Brantley County Public Works Director