RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Administered by:
IDEM Office of Program Support

Program Manager:
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• **Mission:** Promote innovative projects to make Indiana a leader in recycling and waste reduction

• **Background:** Established in early 1990s to improve management of solid waste by developing markets for recycling

• **Funding:** Provided through the Recycling Promotion and Assistance Fund (RPAF) (IC 4-23-5.5-14)
Office of Program Support — Recycling Market Development Program

Recycling Market Development Board

The Recycling Market Development Board, as established by IC 4-23-5.5, approves grants for business projects involving the creation of new products and new markets for products made from recycled materials.

The Board consists of nine voting members, who are appointed by the governor's office, as well as seven non-voting ex officio members.

Current Voting Members

Harvey Abramowitz  
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Laporte County Solid Waste District

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Purdue Manufacturing Extension Partnership

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Indiana Department of Agriculture

Ex-Officio Advisory Members (Non-Voting)

- Governor (or their representative)
- Director of DNR (or their representative)
- Commissioner of IDEM (or their representative)
- Two members of the House of Representatives (each of opposite party)
- Two members of the Senate (each of opposite party)
RMDP works with Indiana businesses, schools, not for profits, municipalities, and solid waste management districts to:

- Build markets for recyclables through economic development opportunities
- Promote use of recycled-content products
- Focus on moving materials past collection and into the marketplace
- Encourage schools and businesses to reduce waste
Projects must focus on reuse, reduction, and recycling methods that:

- Increase recyclable material collection and/or consumption
- Reduce municipal solid waste shipped for final disposal
- Improve partnerships with communities
Since 1991, the board has awarded grants and loans for 284 projects totaling nearly $25 million.

These projects have helped build local recycling markets, increased recycling revenues, and have created more than 1,000 new jobs throughout Indiana.
Funded projects include:

- Equipment purchases
- Implementation/expansion of curbside recycling programs
- School recycling programs
- Education and outreach
Details

• Eligible applicants: Public/private businesses, local government, and nonprofit organizations located and doing business in Indiana
  – Businesses must be registered with the Indiana Secretary of State

• Funding requests can range from $1,000 to $250,000

• 50% cash match required
For Complete Information:
- Recycle.IN.gov
- Click on Recycling Market Development Program
The RMDP webpage will provide:

Recycling Market Development Program

Recycling Market Development Grants
The Recycling Market Development Grant is now accepting proposals.

The deadline for submissions is June 21, 2019 at 5:00 PM.

Projects should focus on reuse, reduction, and recycling methods that result in one or more of the following:

- An increase in recyclable material collection or consumption,
- A reduction in municipal solid waste shipped for final disposal,
- Improved partnerships with communities, including not only economic impacts, but increased public awareness of and education efforts.

Public/private businesses, local government and not-for-profit organizations located and doing business in Indiana may seek percent cash match.

The documents provided below will provide you with additional information and forms for your submittal:

- Recycling Market Development Grant Announcement and Request for Proposal Guidelines [PDF]
- Attachment B: Cover Page [PDF]
- Attachment C: Completeness Check [PDF]

Grant Funding Questions
IDEM has compiled a list of the most frequently asked questions (FAQs) [PDF] and inquiries submitted to date. FAQs will
Complete Proposals will include:

- A. Project Abstract & Cover Page
- B. Completeness Check
- C. Project Summary/Scope of Work
- D. Past Performance
- E. Voluntary Cost Share/Match and Leveraged Funds
- F. Detailed Budget Narrative including copies of quotes for equipment, supplies, and other relevant purchases

- Business Plan, if the proposal includes an equipment purchase.
### Timeline:

#### Key Dates:
Dates for the following activities are target dates only. Board dates may be subject to change depending on the number of proposals received.

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Board Priorities:

• Significant waste reduction in tons
• Promoting curbside recycling throughout Indiana
• Create a better domestic market
• Organics recycling
• Capturing more plastic
• Cost/benefit analysis and education
• Waste reduction in schools
• Economic development (distressed areas) and job growth
• E-Waste management improvement
• Innovative technologies
• Awareness of recyclable items
Questions?

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