

28E MEMBER GRANT GUIDELINES

Who we are

Waste Commission of Scott County is a 28E intergovernmental agency formed in 1990. Our members include: Bettendorf, Blue Grass, Buffalo, Davenport, Dixon, Donahue, Eldridge, LeClaire, Long Grove, Maysville, McCausland, New Liberty, Panorama Park, Princeton, Riverdale, Walcott and unincorporated Scott County. Our mission is to provide environmentally sound and economically feasible solid waste management.

The Commission also has an active Environmental Management System (EMS) that stresses continuous improvement in the areas of: recycling, household hazardous materials, organic waste, water quality, greenhouse gas reduction and environmental education.

What we do

We operate the Scott Area Landfill, Scott Area Recycling Center, Scott Area Household Hazardous Material Facilities and the Electronic Demanufacturing Facility. In addition, we provide public education and outreach through our iLivehere: myhome ourcommunity® program.

How we are funded

Although we are a governmental agency, no tax dollars are used for any of our programs or services. Funding derives from user fees, primarily those collected at the Scott Area Landfill. Fees are paid to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for waste going into our landfill. A portion of the fees are retained locally to provide waste reduction and recycling programs.

Member benefits

The benefits the Commission offers our member communities include:

- Filing one comprehensive solid waste management plan for our entire service area, relieving member communities of the responsibility of filing their own
- Managing liability for all solid waste generated in our service area through proper planning and supervision of landfill construction, operation and management
- Optimizing the life of the Scott Area Landfill by extending its capacity through waste diversion and recycling programs and best landfiling practices
- Providing access to an integrated solid waste management system including recycling, yard waste management and household hazardous material disposal, which assists members in complying with State recycling mandates
- Developing and distributing public education on proper solid waste management through presentations, tours, publications, paid advertising, collection events and public relations

Grant dollars

As part of our commitment to sound solid waste management, this grant program allows member communities the opportunity to receive funding for environmentally friendly community projects that

relate to the Commission's mission. Each quarter, we set aside a portion of the fees retained locally for waste reduction and recycling programs to fund this grant program. Each member community is eligible for up to **\$2,500 in any 12-month period**. In special circumstances, and when grant funding allows, amounts above \$2,500 may be provided at the discretion of the Commission.

Funding categories

We have established the following categories for funding that help to further our mission and the goals of our EMS. Below each category are examples of the types of projects that the Commission would consider funding. This list is not intended to be all-inclusive and all applications will be given consideration.

- *Recycling*
 - Establish a permanent collection or drop-off for materials such as electronic waste, or appliances. Note: the Commission can assist you in determining options for such programs.
 - Implement a recycling program at a city-owned facility.
- *Environmental Education*
 - Apply dollars toward disposal costs for spring or fall cleanup days/weeks.
 - Gateway signs, community beautification
 - Educate residents on recycling, litter, illegal dumping, hazardous material, electronic waste and other solid waste related issues
 - Purchase items for the community made with recycled materials such as park benches, playground equipment and trash/recycling receptacles
- *Household Hazardous Materials*
 - Designate drop-off locations in your community for hard-to-handle items such as compact fluorescent light bulbs or fluorescent tubes, which contain mercury. Note: the Commission can assist you in determining options for such programs.
- *Organic Waste*
 - Host a workshop for the community on backyard composting.
 - Provide free yard waste collection weeks for residents.
 - Apply dollars toward disposal costs at Davenport Compost Facility.
- *Water Quality*
 - Purchase litter cleanup supplies, cigarette butt receptacles, pet waste stations.
 - Provide assistance for residents in constructing rain gardens and other erosion control projects.
- *Greenhouse Gas Reduction*
 - Install programmable thermostats, upgrade to energy efficient lights or install motion sensors on lights at city-owned facilities.

Eligibility and Requirements

- Applicant must be a member community in Scott County, Iowa (e.g. City of Buffalo).
- Non-profit groups and schools within the community are eligible for other grants provided by the Commission. Visit www.wastecom.com for more information.
- Waste materials (e.g. garbage, recycling, appliances) from your community should be directed to Commission facilities unless other arrangements have been approved through the Commission's director.

- Grant recipients are required to complete a one page Final Report at the end of their project, outlining the use of their award and documenting outcomes and results, how the project was promoted and the Commission recognized. Award recipients are also encouraged to submit digital photos of the project.

Award Criteria

Applications are reviewed on an on-going basis by an internal review committee. Award winners will be notified within 30 days of the receipt of the application. Applications are judged based on the following criteria:

- Proposed project or activity aligns with Commission's mission or EMS (25%)
- Sustainability or environmental impact of the activity or project (25%)
- Well written and detailed project plan (25%)
- Does the Commission receive trash, recycling, electronic waste, appliances, hazardous material or other waste from the community applying? (25%)

For more information on Waste Commission of Scott County, visit www.wastecom.com.

28E MEMBER GRANT APPLICATION

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| Community Name: | | | |
| Address (for correspondence): | | | |
| City: | State: | Zip: | |
| Contact Name and Title: | | | Phone: |
| E-mail: | | | Today's Date: |
| Amount of Funding Requested \$: | | | Total Project Budget \$: |
| Please list where your city is disposing of its residential trash, recycling, electronic waste and hazardous material: | | | |
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| Project Category: (check all that apply) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recycling | <input type="checkbox"/> Greenhouse Gas Reduction | <input type="checkbox"/> Organic Waste | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Quality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Materials | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Waste Reduction | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spring/Fall Cleanup Days and Electronic Waste Recycling | | | |
| Project Description: | | | |
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| Describe how this project will help improve your local environment: | | | |
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| Describe how you will measure and report the success of this project: | | | |
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| Project Timeline: | | | |
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| Describe how the Commission will be recognized or acknowledged for its donation toward this project: | | | |
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Please mail or e-mail typed applications to:

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 Call 563.381-1300 with questions.

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